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Fires provide busy weekend for firefighters

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Extreme heat and dry conditions kept area firefighters busy over the weekend.

The Beaver Creek Township Fire Department was dispatched to a fire which occurred at the Skyline Ski and Country Club located at 4524 Skyline Road at 4:40 p.m. on Sunday.

A 4,000 foot maintenance building, used to store equipment and supplies for the ski resort and golf course, caught on fire.

The cause of fire is still under investigation, said Ed Holtcamp, the Beaver Creek Township fire chief. The building was a total loss.

Firefighters from the Grayling City/Township Fire Department and South Branch Township Fire Department helped battle the blaze.

Mobile Medical Response also responded to the scene with a Disaster Assistance Response Team trailer, which was in town for the Grayling Rock and Roll Air Show.

A total of 45 firefighters were treated by emergency personnel in an attempt to prevent heat

stroke and dehydration.

"Ensuring the safety of our firefighters is paramount, and without proper rehabilitation, firefighters can have a lot of difficulty," Holtcamp said. "Having the trailer there was a Godsend."

A majority of firefighters stayed on the scene until 7 p.m. The Beaver Creek Township Fire Department came back to the resort early Monday to extinguish hot spots that were smoldering.

A total of 25,000 gallons of water was used to battle the blaze along with a foam fire retardant. A water tank and fire hydrant placed by the resort were used to gain access to water to fight the fire.

"It's been in the ground for quite a few years and it really paid off," Holtcamp said.

The Beaver Creek Township Fire Department was also called to a fire at 11:50 a.m. on Sunday when an electrical transformer blew up at the intersection of North Higgins Lake Drive and Oak Road. Firefighters extinguished the blaze using the foam retardant. Firefighters remained

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Catching that first fish



Allie Bonamie, age two, was too young to participate in the youth fishing contest in the Grayling city park last week. Nonetheless, she managed to catch her very first trout after the official contest was over.

Animal cruelty results in jail time, steep fines

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Roscommon County man found guilty of animal cruelty by a jury last month was sentenced to serve a month in jail and ordered to pay thousands of dollars in fines and restitution on Tuesday.

Crawford County District Court Judge Monte Burmeister ordered Lawrence Edward Baumgart, 46, to serve 30 days in the Crawford County Jail immediately for a charge of animal/cruelty-abandonment. An additional 60 days in jail will be held in abeyance while Baumgart serves two years on probation.

Baumgart was also ordered to pay \$2,963.83 in restitution to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County and Grayling Hospital for Animals for care of a yellow lab, which has been named Thor, which he is accused of neglecting. He was also ordered to pay \$4,203.83 in court costs and fines while he is on probation.

Baumgart was ordered to serve 200 hours of community

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Riding with the Golden Knights

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Although Molly Hatcher and Slow Ride may have dominated the stage, flight was still the focus of the Camp Grayling Rock & Roll Air Show last weekend. And the key attraction of all the aeronautical trickery may very well have been the Army's elite sport skydiving team, the Golden Knights.

The *Avalanche* had the opportunity to send a reporter up with the skydiving team last Friday. From the moment of takeoff, a flight with the Golden Knights is nothing like a regular plane trip. Their compact C-31A takes off with the cabin doors open wide, allowing the divers an unobstructed view of the planet that they are literally about to dive headfirst into.

Because the doors are open, the cabin is not pressurized. By the time the aircraft ascends to the jump altitude of 12,500 feet, the temperature has dropped 40 degrees or more. Despite the summer heat on the ground, the Knights and their flight crew wear warm suits and gloves for the chilly flight.

Perhaps emboldened by the presence of parachutes on their backs, the Knights, who are all under age 30, do not hesitate to

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Photo by Matt Seager

The Golden Knights jump from around 12,500 feet from an aircraft that is moving around 100 miles per hour. Pictured here, a Knight examines the jump site before taking the plunge.

Prosecutor seeks investigative help

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss is seeking to bring a retired detective from the sheriff's department into his office to help convict criminals.

Huss lobbied the Crawford County Board of Commissioners last week to allow his office to hire an investigator to do detective work.

Huss has asked retired Detective Sgt. Richard Meyer to consider taking the position. Meyer was forced to retire from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department after sustaining a head injury on Dec. 20, 2001, when a motorist struck the patrol vehicle he was in while he was policing a car accident that occurred on ice covered I-75.

The sheriff's department and prosecutor's office have been working without a detective since Meyer left his position.

Huss asked the county board last week to either allow Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield to add a detective or hire an investigator that would work out of the prosecutor's office.

Both Huss and Wakefield said that there are several candidates currently with the department that would make excellent detectives.

"They're ferrets - they go looking for trouble - they don't wait for it to come to them and that's what makes a good detective," Huss said.

Wakefield said he has not promoted an officer to be a detective since all officers are assigned to the road patrol who are handling over 100 complaints a week.

"These guys are running from complaint to complaint and follow up time is lacking, which includes investigative work," Wakefield said.

If Huss is allowed to hire Meyer, he would work part time as an investigator, logging 45 to 50 hours a month.

Huss said that the county would not have to provide benefits or an automobile for the investigator.

The investigator would be assigned to gather details on major felony cases including embezzlement and criminal sexual conduct cases in preparation for jury trials.

"I would like to give this a try, to see what we can do to patch up some of these cases to get that extra piece that will push it over the top," Huss said.

Huss said that Meyer was an invaluable asset to the prosecutor's office and sheriff's department.

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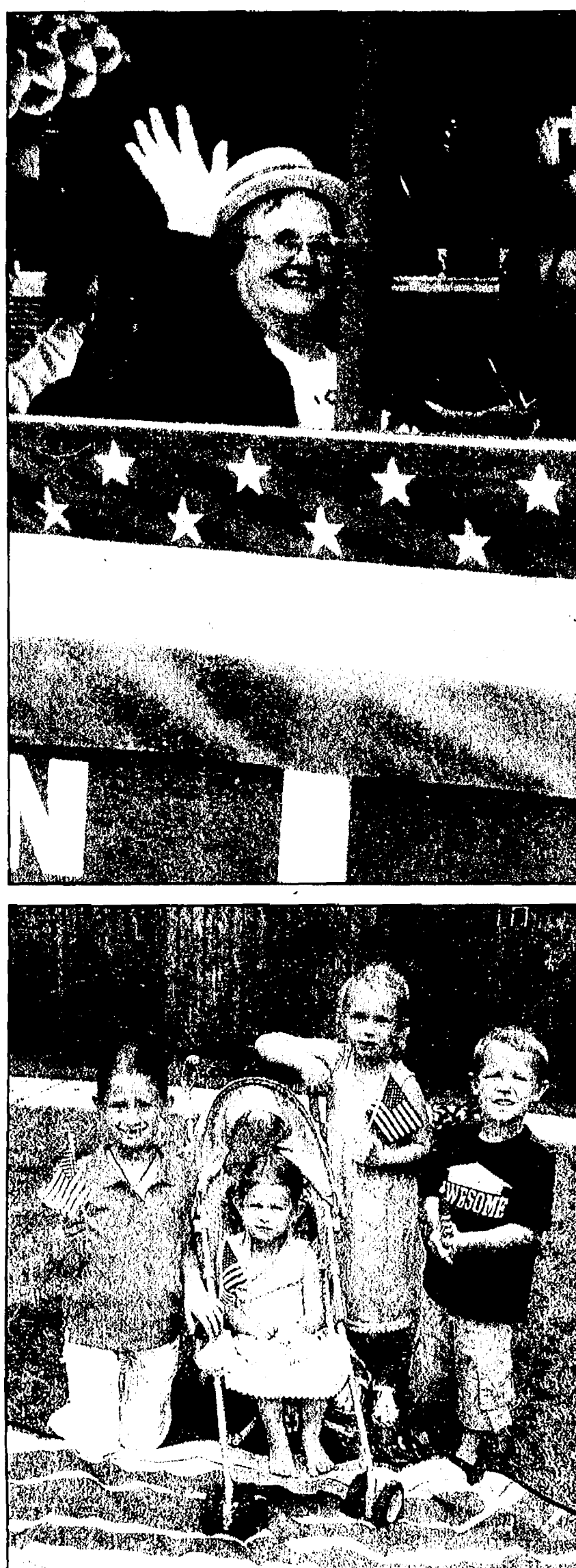
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Patriotic Parade



The Grayling community kicked off Fourth of July festivities last week with a parade downtown. Above left, Donna Burke waves at the crowd while riding on the Crawford County Commission on Aging float. Above right, Camden Summers was among the members of the Grayling Boy Scout Pack #3993 that decorated their bikes in red, white and blue for the parade. Below left, Bailey Millikin, Audrey Duba, Isabel Duba and David Millikin wave their American flags while watching the parade. Below right, the Grayling Promotional Association singers entertained the parade audience with patriotic songs.



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on the scene for about an hour, directing traffic in case the power line fell on the roadway before Consumers Energy crews arrived. Deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Roscommon

County Sheriff's Department and Gerrish Township Police Department also helped with traffic control.

The South Branch Township Fire Department was called to a house fire at 10662 Hall Road at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. The cause of the blaze was started by a grease fire in the kitchen, and the home was a total loss, said South Branch Township Fire Chief Ernie Windolph.

The South Branch Township Fire Department was called to a woods fire at 1:15 p.m. on

Sunday. The fire is believed to have been caused by lightning. About a half an acre of land was damaged, Windolph said.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department was called to a fire at the Kenquest House, located 3951 Jones Lake Road, at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday. The fire started in the kitchen of the Kenquest House, a residential placement home for pregnant teenage girls.

Steve Eddy, the training instructor for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department,

said the home sustained heavy smoke damage and kitchen furnishings sustained some fire damage.

Sharon Berkobien, director of Holy Cross Children's Services, the nonprofit organization which administers the Kenquest House, said residents have found alternative living arrangements.

"It's just a kitchen and kitchens can be replaced," Berkobien said. "Our concern is for our kids and staff and they won't return to the home until it is ready and safe."

Oil well explodes near Frederic

Dozens of area firefighters were dispatched to a fire that occurred when an oil well exploded in Frederic Township on Saturday.

The oil well explosion occurred at 7:31 a.m. on Saturday at the intersection of Twin Peaks Road and Mount Frederic Road.

The Frederic Township Fire Department was joined by firefighters from the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, Lovell's Township Fire Department, Otsego Lake Township Fire Department, Bear Lake Township Fire Department and Blue Lake Township Fire

Department.

Frederic Township Fire Department Chief Doug Pratt also requested that the Otsego County Fire Department remain on standby to cover any other emergencies.

Approximately 30 firefighters put out the fire at 10:35 a.m. There were no hydrogen sulfide leaks as a result of the explosion, Pratt said.

The investigation continues, but the fire appears to be accidental, Pratt said.

The oil well is owned by the Dallas-based Merit Energy, which operates an office in Kalkaska.

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ment. He said he learned to be a detective while working on the murder trial for Richard Peter Marsak. Marsak was convicted of first-degree premeditated murder for shooting his Department of Natural Resources Supervisor Terrence Barr on July 13, 1993. Marsak was sentenced on April 13, 1995 to serve life in prison without the possibility of parole following a jury trial. Meyer worked on the case with Detective Sgt. Tim Lenhard from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police.

"He was like a bull in a China shop putting that case together," Huss said.

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Photo by Matt Seager

The Golden Knights put on thick jumpsuits before the airplane takes off. Despite the summer heat on the ground, it is very cold at high altitude, making the warm outfits necessary.

Riding with the Golden Knights

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lean out of the door while the airplane cruises at around 150 miles per hour.

Before long it is time for the Golden Knights to abandon their flight crew to take the quickest shortcut possible back to the ground: straight down. Once the jump light goes green, it is a matter of seconds before the dozen or so Knights have leapt into the abyss.

This is where the show begins. As they careen towards the earth, they group into a variety of formations and light of flares to mark their position for onlookers. Within a matter of a couple short minutes, the Knights have descended over two miles to land safely with deployed parachutes

on the Grayling Army Airfield runway.

"I started jumping the day I turned 18. Now I get paid to do what I love," said team member Sgt. Josh Coleman, who has been performing with the Golden Knights for three years.

Sgt. Coleman has completed literally thousands of jumps in his career. In fact, the most inexperienced member of the Knights has still done over 700 jumps. Applicants are not eligible to join the elite team until they are truly among the most talented and experienced.

Yet the Golden Knights are not a band of thrill seekers. SFC Paul Sachs, the team leader for Black Team (the division of the Knights that performed at the air

show), insists that their jumps do not qualify as an "extreme sport" due to the rigorous safety procedures the team follows. In fact, he considers his hobbies to be pretty low key.

"The only sport I play is golf, really. It's not very extreme," said Sachs.

The Golden Knights is a non combat unit, although many if not most of its members have experience in combat divisions. The main purpose of the Knights is to generate publicity for the United States Army and the programs it offers, which is a mission that Sachs wholeheartedly supports.

"I just enjoy talking to the kids and giving them a purpose," said Sachs.

The Golden Knights spend 10 months out of the year touring the country and making stops at events like the Camp Grayling Rock & Roll Air Show.

"Everything we do is for the crowd," said Sachs, who has been team leader since 2006 and has been on the team for six years total.

He said he has no intention of retiring anytime soon.

"This is the best job in the army, so I really don't want to leave right now," said Sachs.



Within a matter of seconds, the entire team clears the aircraft. During free fall, they assume a variety of formations while performing acrobatic stunts.

Houghton Lake troopers assist with air show security

State police from the Houghton Lake Post scheduled increased patrols during the Grayling Air Show last weekend. Troopers were assigned to patrol in and around the city of Grayling.

Concerns were expressed by the public and members of the community regarding the projected attendance levels and the fact that local law enforcement resources are very limited. In response to these concerns the extra patrols were scheduled to protect the Grayling community and its citizens.

During the three day event, troopers worked a total of 439

hours, including 266 hours of alcohol saturation grant over-time. During that time, 351 traffic stops were made, resulting in four OWI/OUID arrests, 6 felony arrests and 16 misdemeanor arrests. Arrest charges ranged from felony fleeing and eluding to possession of marijuana.

In addition, 192 traffic citations were issued and 235 verbal warnings were given, including 17 seat-belt citations. Troopers also conducted 18 car assists, 22 cars investigated, 79 vehicle inspections, 57 property inspections and six liquor inspections.

Troopers from the Grayling Post also assisted with these

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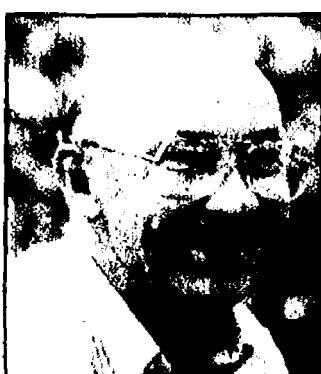
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Mackinac Bridge begins second half-century

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Michigan's Majestic Mackinac Bridge is 50 years old this week.

Back in 1957, after years of dreaming by an assortment of far sighted Michiganders, the impossible was accomplished, and a band of iron and steel was stretched from Mackinaw City on the south, across the rugged Straits of Mackinac, to St. Ignace on the north ... or vice versa.

The new bridge has not only survived but prospered in the 50 years since it was opened in 1957 (and formally dedicated the following year). Mighty Mac measures 8,614 feet in total suspension from anchorage to anchorage, with a clear main suspension span of 3,800 feet and high enough to permit the largest and tallest Great Lakes freighters to pass with ease.

The bridge displaced the fleet of five time honored ferry boats which transported people and cars across the Straits from peninsula to peninsula.

It may be difficult for today's vacationers and travelers to envision life without the Mackinac Bridge, but in the old days it was part of northland lore to wait for the car ferries and cross from shore to shore.

At peak times in the summer -- and

always at deer hunting season in the fall -- the wait for the ferries could take an hour or more, and lines could stretch from Mackinaw City to Cheboygan.

Today it's wish-whish and you're across. During 50 years, more than 141 million motorized crossings have been recorded. Pedestrians are not allowed.

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ENGINEERING FEAT — Most stories about the Mackinac Bridge emphasize the engineering and construction difficulties overcome to build the bridge. They were great, indeed.

But the political and financial challenges were equally as gargantuan.

Chase Osborn — a newspaper publisher at Sault Ste. Marie, by the way — was the first governor on record promoting a peninsula-linking bridge back in 1911 or so. A handful of other political leaders pushed the same idea at various times, but it happened during the tenure of Gov. G. Mennen Williams, who also was a firm and consistent advocate of the bridge, so Mr. Williams usually receives most of the political credit.

As for financing, putting the dollars in place was a modern miracle. The cost was \$100 million — and that was 50 years ago, when a million dollars was a

lot of money. The Golden Gate bridge, constructed 20 years earlier, had cost only \$35 million.

Imagine the plight of U.S. Sen. Prentiss Brown and others working to put the pieces in place, trying to influence Wall Street and bond buyers to back a \$100 million bridge project that connected Mackinaw City, population then of 900, and St. Ignace, population 2,500. What a crazy idea!

Yet it worked, and the bonds were secured in 1953, to be repaid from tolls. The bonds were paid off in 1986.

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PERSONAL MEMORIES — In 1957, I was a reporter at *The Lansing State Journal* covering state government and politics, and I drew the job to cover the bridge opening, along with the late Dick Frazier, Journal photographer.

Dozens of press folks were there from newspapers and wire services throughout the state and Midwest. Most have tales of activities and details about the bridge and its opening. I don't.

George Weeks, also then a young reporter at the state capitol for United Press International, was on duty at the bridge opening along with Tom Farrell, also of UPI. Both are still around.

Mr. Weeks recalled in a recent col-

umn how the UPI photographer "had a glitch" somehow in taking pictures of the celebratory fireworks over the bridge, so reporters Weeks and Farrell managed to roust bridge and fireworks officials in the middle of the night and convinced them to repeat the fireworks, just for UPI pictures. That is certainly a remarkable memory.

As for me, I don't remember much about the bridge opening. I don't even remember the fireworks — either the regular ones or the UPI special in the wee hours.

My memories are all strictly personal. I remember my wife and I were delighted to have a company-paid trip to northern Michigan. Our daughter was only a few months old, and Aunt Kate in Mt. Pleasant agreed to care for her while I covered the bridge and we stayed a couple of nights in a Cheboygan area motel. It was a welcome getaway for us, especially for the young mother.

I remember when we arrived in Mt. Pleasant to pick up our daughter, Aunt Kate was teaching her how to eat jello with her fingers, which she was happily and messily doing when we arrived.

That's my only real memory about the Mackinac Bridge opening, and it's a

very pleasant one.

George Weeks, of course, went on to a distinguished and far reaching career as a national and foreign correspondent, served several years as right-hand aide to former Gov. Bill Milliken during his record-setting tenure as Michigan governor, wrote a political column for many years for the *Detroit News*, and worked in a half-dozen books. George remembered the details, and helped cause some of them to happen.

I remembered only the strictly personal matters of the assignment, and have yet to write a complete book.

Incidentally, our daughter now eats jello in the conventional (but uninteresting) way.

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FINAL THOUGHT — Confusion continues about the spelling of Mackinac ... or Mackinaw.

It's Mackinac Bridge, Straits of Mackinac, Mackinac Island.

It's Mackinaw City but Mackinac County.

Fudge can go either way.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Officers need to be made aware of situations, in order to help

To the editor:

Who gave dispatch the authority to determine if they should even tell officers when a non-emergency call comes in?

I work at a local convenience store, and on the night of June 30, as we were just about to close, an extremely disoriented woman came in looking for a ride. We did not know where she lives, and she couldn't tell us, but we knew that she had been walking.

Trusting the police officer's credo "To protect and serve", we called Central Dispatch to request an officer to help us with the situation. We were given a cell number for a taxi service and told to call them. The dispatcher then basically hung up.

The woman in question had no money and was unable to call anyone. We then proceeded to call back and demand that they

send an officer to help us.

Within five minutes, we had three of them and they were very cordial and helpful. They handled the situation without any problems. I apologized for having to call them and was told "Ma'am, that is our job."

So my question is, how can the sheriff's department or city police do their jobs well, if they are not always aware of the situation?

What can we go about getting Central Dispatch to stop trying to determine if an officer is necessary? Shouldn't that be the officer's determination, or even, as citizens of this county, shouldn't we be given the benefit of the doubt that we are intelligent enough to know when we need an officer's help?

Laurie Jensen
Grayling

The price of admission

To the editor,

Every year, they invite friends and strangers into their home to celebrate an event that has showcased Grayling and the AuSable River to the world. We tromp through their house, we loiter on their porch, and lay all over their lawn. Very important people hobnob in and around their home to participate in the greatest show in our community's history. There are people who come from all over our state, our country, and even the world, to be a part of one of the most challenging sporting events in today's world. This grueling, fifteen hour test of skill, stamina, and spirit, attracts thousands to our river's banks. Yet, none of this exists without the open invitation from a family willing to share their home. There is no price of admission, or so we thought.

Steve and Cecilia Southard have labored and sacrificed, so that their neighbors and their community could reap the pleasure and economic benefit that the AuSable River Canoe Marathon provides each year. This celebration grows in size every year. The economic windfall is immeasurable. The

direct benefit is felt in every store, restaurant, and motel from the visitors who arrive and spend their precious dollars. Indirectly, the community's gain is from the flow of good fortune that is shared in this community. But, now we know that there is a cost. The cost has been borne all these years by our hosts. Sure, they may get some publicity, and some people who actually come back as paying customers. But, their benefit is very small in comparison to the gain of the Grayling community. Their reward was quietly knowing that this tradition would continue, but, now we know that it cannot continue without our help. The time is now for all of us in the community to give back a small portion of benefit to the Southard family. Their burden is now our cost.

But, the character of admission is more than dollars. The cost is measured in character and in what kind of community we live in. This request is about defining our relationship with each other, who we truly are as a community. We live in difficult times, with homes and businesses being threatened

and lost, but, the Southard's misfortune is not just another sign of the times. Their misfortune is about not taking advantage of this great event. Their misfortune is now our burden. The burden is the price of admission, long overdue. The time is now, to pay for what our community should have realized a long time ago. We, who have benefited from the Southard's hospitality, now need to give back some of that benefit, not just from gratitude, but also to define who we are as a community.

I realize our paper is filled with homes being foreclosed on, there may be no crusade to help those families that are hurting from the silent assumption that we have made and the lack of recognition and appreciation that we have shown.

The price of admission is now due. The price of admission has now become that value of our conscience.

Ron Fiebelkorn,
Grayling

Editor's Note: See Southard notice on page 8B.

My July 4th parade promise

To the editor:

Al Bondar and Diane Chamberlin, of Dharma Music, were a ray of sunshine in my "hurry up" attempt to add marching music to our Independence Day Parade. They were eager to help, with ready smiles, while dealing with their own very busy holiday schedule.

Ace Hardware donated the use of a generator and Glen's Market provided helium balloons for the kids. I was exceptionally warmed by the last minute organization of parents and school band members. It shows what we can do when we all get together in an united effort, even with little time.

I have said that my being in the parade prevents me from seeing the parade. This year, I hurried back from the front to see what we had and how it flowed. The gleaming display of fire trucks, and ambulances were great, but I shudder to think of the length of our parade, if there was a fire or medical emergency. The rain stayed away, the crowds were great, and I think our parade was better than last year, but boy, do we have room for improvement.

Which brings me to my promise. I, personally promise, that I will bust my behind (with a year to prepare) to help make next year's July 4th parade one to remember. I have learned that we do have many that care and I will find them.

If you have input, ideas or want to help in any way, please call Phil Faustman 348-4771.

Phil Faustman
Grayling

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Next year concentrate on an air show

To the editor:

I have just returned from what was billed as the Grayling Air Show. Let me say up front what I have to say may seem like sour grapes to some. In my life, I have probably attended 50 air shows and have always left feeling upbeat, with new respect for the courage and skill of civilian and military pilots alike.

This is the first air show I have attended where I left thinking "What was that?" Please understand, I am not belittling the pilots that did fly. What I am saying is this was not the air show it was billed to be. An air show in my opinion consists of a variety of aircraft, vintage and modern, military and civilian. An air show also consists of ground exhibits of these aircrafts. This show at my count included the Golden Knight Parachute team, and IL39 Russian jet trainer (high-light of the show)

two pitts special bi-planes, a national guard twin turbo-prop, a low-wing stunt aircraft and a horse demonstration by the Blue Devils. No ground exhibits except for a couple of helicopters which can be seen in Grayling any day of the week. The total time of the show was 2 1/2 hours.

To the National Guard's credit, there were many infantry displays and several activities set up geared towards the kids. I did enjoy the virtual army interactive activity. It gave me a small idea of what these heroes go through every day in Iraq, defending us at home. I also had the privilege of meeting a true hero from Iraq (last name was Reyes).

I saw many people with two or three kids who paid at least \$15 for a ticket, plus \$5 for parking. Also \$8 for a hotdog and drink, give me a break. I heard comments similar to mine. Gaylord recently

put on a far superior show for a fraction of the price. Grayling's show last year was great. Boy, did you drop the ball this year.

The people who showed up at 10:30 a.m., were there expecting to see an air show with aircraft to see and photograph. Not many, I am willing to bet, were going to return for the band "extravaganza."

You lured thousands of people in at exorbitant prices for an air show and gave them a carnival. Maybe next year, you should concentrate on putting on an air show, and forget about the band side show.

As a final note, the National Guard exhibits were manned by professional, polite and informative people. The band sites on the other hand, were rude and obnoxious.

James W. Allman
Grayling

BRIEFS

Free Summer music series to be held

The 2007 Summer Music Series, presented by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, announces Big Rand & Company, on Monday, July 16, at 7 p.m., on the lawn of Citizen's Bank. The band from Traverse City plays classic rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's. The concert is a special Monday night edition, for the Michigander Bicycle Tour coming through Grayling.

Hartwick Pines presents "The Shanty Boy"

Michael Deren's Past in Person Lumberjack program "The Shanty Boy" will be presented on Saturday, July 14, at 7 p.m., at the logging museum at Hartwick Pines. Entertainer Michael Deren will tell stories, play music and sing songs about Michigan's lumber history. This is an audience participation program. For more information, contact Rob Burg at burgr@michigan.gov.

American Legion to hold beach party luau

The American Legion will hold a beach party/luau on Saturday, July 14, at 6 p.m., to help raise money for care packages for troops in Iraq. There will be a barbeque, silent auction and entertainment. All proceeds will go toward care packages. This event is open to the public. For information, contact Cathy Holton at 989-390-0561 or Sharon Johnson at 989-348-7232.

British soccer camp to be held

The Challenger British Soccer camp will be at Hanson Hills, July 9 - 13. The week long program offers programs for all skill levels for children ages 4-16. To register, or to view various camp options, visit www.challengersports.com or contact coordinator Susan Thiel at 989-348-3988.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, July 15, at the United Methodist Church, St. Ignace. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

Class of 1972 to hold reunion

GHS class of 1972, will hold their 35th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the home of Beverly and Mike McNamara, 615 N. Roberts Rd., Grayling. Tickets are \$10 per person, R.S.V.P. by Aug. 1, and BYOB. Send payment to Cheryl Millikin, 3220 W. North Down River Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Just for fun on Friday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m., meet at Spike's Keg O' Nails. If you have questions, call 989-348-7214.

Republican party to meet

The Republican Party of Crawford County will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse. Because of conflicts on the third Monday of the month, meetings will be temporarily changed to Wednesdays.

Grayling Eagles to host breakfast

Grayling Eagles #3465, will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast on July 14, from 8 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$5 per person.

Redskins signup event set for July 20

The Grayling Redskins Football League is having another sign up event on Friday, July 20, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Redskins Field at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Matrix youth center to show Narnia

The Matrix youth center will be showing Narnia on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available. A benefit concert will be held on Friday, July 13, with ONEYECRY, at 5 p.m., cost is \$3 at the door. Check out myspace.com/the_matrix49_1. For information, call 989-348-2025.

Free drinking water well screening

Homeowners interested in learning whether their well water contains traces of nitrates or triazines can bring water samples for free screening to Ag-Expo 2007, July 17-19, at Michigan State University (MSU).

Sampling bottles will be available at many county MSU Extension and Conservation District offices across the state. Call your local MSU Extension or Conservation District for details.

Participants should pick up a bottle with instructions, fill it according to the directions, and leave it for testing at the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program Exhibit (Tent #482). Results will be mailed to participants following AG Expo, along with instructions for what to do if high concentrations of nitrates or triazines are detected. All results are confidential.

The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program will have water protection, water quality information and educational materials available at the Ag Expo tent. Staff members will be on hand to answer visitor questions. For more information about Ag Expo, call 1-800-366-7055 or visit www.agexpo.msu.edu.

For those who are unable to attend the Ag Expo 2007, the North Central Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program will be providing services to deliver samples to MSU.

Homeowners living in: Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon, or Wexford Counties that are interested in this service should pick up a bottle with instructions from your county MSU Extension or Conservation District offices. Fill the sample according to the directions, and return it to your county MSU Extension or Conservation District offices. If you are using the North Central Michigan Groundwater Stewardship service to deliver samples you must drop off your sample on July 16, no later than 1 p.m. to your MSU Extension office or Conservation District office.

This service is for private drinking water wells only. Public water supplies are tested regularly. Please do not bring in samples from public water supplies or non-drinking water samples.

Michael Deren to present Lumberjack program at Hartwick Pines

Plan now to be at Hartwick Pines State Park to see Michael Deren's very popular "Past in Person" program about the Lumberjacks (or Shantyboys as they called themselves) in Northern Michigan in the 1870s. This highly entertaining program of music, song, and stories is sponsored by the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines, a field site of the Michigan Historical Museum, and the friends of Hartwick Pines.

This is a multi-faceted, audience-centered program that will educate, delight and enthrall all who attend. Deren will portray a lumberjack from Northern Michigan in the 1870s as he takes his audience back to the time when they were "cutting the big sticks." He will play the concertina, fiddle, hammer dulcimer, bones, button accordion,

and lumber toys and share songs and stories of life in the logging camps.

Deren's "Past in Person" program will be Saturday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park. In the event of rain, the program will be at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center. Hartwick Pines State Park is located on M-93 (Hartwick Pines Rd.), two miles east of I-75, exit 259.

There is no charge for this program, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park. The daily permit is \$6 and a yearly permit is \$24 for Michigan residents and \$8 for a daily permit and \$29 for an annual permit for non-residents. For more information, please contact Hartwick Pines State Park at (989) 348-2537.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 13 - Lunch - beef ravioli, tossed salad, broccoli, and applesauce. No Dinner. 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, July 14 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for appt. and bring your own towel.

Monday, July 16 - Lunch - chicken and dumplings, green beans, cauliflower, and tangerine. Dinner - riblet on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, and pineapple. 9:30 a.m. COA board meeting, 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, July 17 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, and peach-

es. Dinner - roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and mandarin oranges. 10 a.m. Bible study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, July 18 - Lunch - bacon quiche, broccoli, cheesy potato casserole, muffin, and grapes. Dinner - Swedish meatballs over rice, asparagus, peas and carrots and blueberry crisp. 1 p.m. Bible study, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens and Unlucky Sevens, 2 p.m. caregiver class.

Thursday, July 19 - Lunch - Hungry Boy casserole, Brussels sprouts, corn, and mixed fruit.

Dinner - Navy bean soup with ham, biscuit, carrots, spinach, and fresh fruit medley. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class checks, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of July 12 - July 25, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard. For further information on the 500 lb. live ordnance, please call 989-939-8880. July 12 - 15 and July 17, July 20 and July 23 (500 lb. live ordnance) and July 25 (back up day; 500 lb. live ordnance.)

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, July 6 - 15.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and

north of Portage Creek, July 13 - 14.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.



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No insurance will be accepted.

CALL (989) 348-7671 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club

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Does Grace Promote Sin?

Does preaching the gospel of salvation by God's grace alone encourage the practice of more sin? This is the question raised in Romans 6:1: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" The entire sixth chapter of Romans deals with this question. The answer is summarized in verses 2 and 15: "2God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?... 15What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

Anyone who preaches the gospel of salvation by God's grace alone without human works or rituals of any kind is always accused of promoting the practice of sin. Paul reminded us of this in Romans 3:7,8: "7For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner? 8And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just."

Paul was falsely accused by the Jews for preaching salvation by grace alone through the finished work of Christ alone. Paul

insisted that Christ paid the price for our sins on the cross without any need for added human rituals. "11And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased." (Gal. 5:11). As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:18,23: "18For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God....23But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness."

The question was raised because of the context of the preceding verses in Romans 5:20,21: "20Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." Law reveals the identity of sin, the transgression of sin, the deception of sin, the condemnation of sin, but as our increased knowledge of sin abounds, even so our understanding of the forgiveness of God's grace abounds also. And Grace reigns through righteousness not sin.

Paul preached the gospel of God's grace through faith alone in the finished work of Jesus

Christ alone and gladly paid the price as described in 2 Corinthians 11:24-28: "24Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 25Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches."

The last verse in Romans 6 sums up the matter: "23For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Will we desire to serve sin as slaves unto death or will we delight in serving God forever for His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord? Pastor "B"

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46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for May 2007

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Warren Earl Bindschatel, age 27 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on May 7, 2007 to operating-operating under the influence of liquor per se third offense and operating-license suspended allowed another person to operate; sentenced on June 4, 2007 to serve 270 days in jail with credit for one day served and 93 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$105 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$415 circuit court costs, \$550 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 36 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Joseph Lee Baillie, age 31 of Troy - Plead guilty on March 19, 2007 to operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se third offense; sentenced on May 10, 2007 to serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$285 circuit court costs and \$500 penal fine; placed on probation for 18 months.

Arnold Clay Mynes, age 29 of Detroit - Plead guilty on May 10, 2007 to controlled substance-possession less than 25 grams; sentenced on June 7, 2007 to serve 180 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 12 months.

Thomas Christopher Schweizer, age 32 of Grayling - Found guilty on May 15, 2007 for assault aggravated; sentenced on June 7, 2007 to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 188 days served; ordered to pay \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$200 circuit court costs and \$500 penal fine.

Hon. Michael K. Cooper

Joshua David Bonamie, age 24 of Grayling - Found guilty for a probation violation on May 10, 2007; sentenced on June 21, 2007 to serve 20 to 60 months in prison with credit for 421 days served; ordered to pay \$180 restitution, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$300 circuit court costs.

OBITUARIES

Betty M. Thayer

Nov. 29, 1930 - July 5, 2007
Betty Marie Thayer, 76, of Grayling, passed away on July 5, 2007.

She was born in Lakefield, on November 29, 1930, to the late Franklin and Emma Isabelle (Coates) Bowler.

She cleaned cabins in her teens and moved to Crosswell, where she worked in Stokley canning factory for a few years. She moved to Wyandotte, where she worked as a waitress for many years.

She married Ivor Thayer, Sr., on September, 26, 1953, in Germfask, and became a housewife and mother to three children, the joy of her life. She worked odd jobs until moving to Grayling, where she retired from the big Ben Franklin store in 1997.

Her hobbies were sewing, knitting, crocheting and painting.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ivor Thayer Sr.; son, Ivor (Dawn) Thayer Jr., of Massillon, Ohio; daughters, Betty A. Handrich of Grayling, Linda LaTourneau of Gwinn; grandchildren: Deana (Les) Schrade, Jeremiah Thayer, Jesse LaTourneau and Uriah (Sarah) Thayer; and friends, Rick, Robyn and Emma LaLond.

A funeral service was held on July 7, at Calvary Baptist Church, with Pastor Robert Barnett officiating.

Interment will be at West Lakefield Township Cemetery, McMillan.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

In memory of Francis P. Decker. I would like to thank everyone who visited and sent flowers. My grandchildren, Jerry Joe Gildner, who wrote a song and sang it to his grandfather, Cindy Wright, Michelle and Leroy Decker, who had loving words to say about him and my son-in-law, Jerry, who spoke real nice about him.

The people from the funeral home, Pastor Don Brigham, the businesses in town who helped with donations towards Frank's funeral, and to family and friends who furnished a wonderful dinner for all.

May God bless you all,
Linda Decker and family

Frank C. Branch

Nov. 4, 1910 - July 7, 2007
Frank Charles (Francis) Branch, 96, of Grayling, passed away on July 7, 2007.

He was born in Detroit, on Nov. 4, 1910, to the late John and Annie (Magill) Branch.

He was the husband of Gertrude Branch, who preceded him in death in 1967, and Dorothy Branch, who preceded him in death in 2003.

He retired from General Motors. He was a devout Catholic, member of Knights of Columbus, and was an usher at St. Agatha in Redford Township for years.

He enjoyed music and was a lyric tenor, drummer and a lifetime member of the Detroit Musicians Union.

He is survived by daughters, Barbara Branch of Colo, Christine (Jim) O'Brien of Rochester Hills; sons: Richard (Jacqueline) Branch of Bloomfield Hills, Timothy (Jody) Branch of Higgins Lake, Michael (Dianne) Branch of Grayling; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, July 12, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to "Renewing the Heart of St. Mary's" building fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Frank R. Howell

Frank R. Howell, 80, of Brooksville, Fla., formerly of Waters, passed away on June 21, 2007.

He is survived by his companion, Amber Chamberlain; children: Jackie (Joe) Kook, Peter Howell, Toni (Joe) Scola, Greg (Paula) Howell, Christine (Doug) Templeton, Michelle (William) Wallace; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Dawn M. Howell.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Correction

The obituary for Mildred Fox, that appeared in the July 5, 2007 Crawford County Avalanche, should have read that Mildred was preceded in death by her son, Jerry Fox. She is survived by a grandson, Jerry Gauthier.

87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for June 2007

Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

David Allan Bourgeois, age 45 of Mio - Sentenced on June 19, 2007 for controlled substance possession of marijuana and receiving and concealing stolen property \$200-\$1,000; ordered to pay \$1,285 in fines or serve 128 days in jail.

Anthony David Lachance II, age 22 of Grayling - Sentenced on June 19, 2007 for retail fraud-second degree; sentenced to serve five days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$850 in fines or serve 85 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Kassandra Lynn Prielp, age 23 of Reed City - Sentenced on June 12, 2007 for retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$670 in fines or serve 67 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Steven Douglas Steffes, age 21 of Grayling - Sentenced on June 5, 2007 for tattoo parlor violation; ordered to pay \$780 in fines or serve 78 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Michael Jack Pomeroy, age 19 of Roscommon - Sentenced on June 5, 2007 for person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$1,055 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 366 days; ordered to perform 20

hours of community service.

Joseph Shawn Ferrigan II, age 19 of Grayling - Sentenced on June 6, 2007 for discharge gun in state forest campground; ordered to pay \$135 in fines.

Todd Rainer Mehlhorn, age 39 of Frederic - Sentenced on June 12, 2007 for operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$450 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

George William Biel Jr, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on June 5, 2007 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$630 in fines or serve 63 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

John Michael-Belfour Quintano, age 20 of Grayling Sentenced on June 12, 2007 for operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$850 in fines or serve 85 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

Melissa Sue Schlaff, age 32 of Mancelona - Sentenced on June 12, 2007 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and no proof of insurance; ordered to pay \$780 in fines or serve 78 days in jail.

Jay Patrick Streiff, age 35 of Johannesburg - Sentenced on June 19, 2007 for non sufficient funds check under \$100; ordered to pay \$205 in fines or serve 20 days in jail.

Jennifer Lynn Angell, age 22 of Lake City - Sentenced on June 19, 2007 for retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$260 in fines or serve 26 days in jail.

Darci Marie Goddard, age 19 of Roscommon - Sentenced on June 19, 2007 for retail fraud-third degree; ordered to pay \$260 in fines or serve 26 days in jail.

Magistrate Camarin Talarico David Merl Wolverton, age 50 of Grayling - Sentenced on June 13, 2007 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Ryan Lee Fox, age 32 of Flushing - Sentenced on June 27, 2007 for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Carlos Lorenzo Ledesma, age 17 of Grayling - Sentenced on June 27, 2007 for person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

William James-Lee Beck - Sentenced on June 27, 2007 for person under 21-purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail; placed on probation for 92 days.

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ANIMAL SHELTER MEMORIALS

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County has received memorial donations in honor of those who have passed and donations honoring special occasions. The following is a list of honorees and donors who have made a donation during the time period of April through June, 2007:

For William "Bill" Cox from Dennis and Kim Kuhn, and Lynne Reeves, all of Grayling; Norman and Mary Sorenson of Mount Pleasant. (Daily Operations).

For Kathy Israel from Melvin and Bonnie Blohm, Patricia Nadeau, and Richard and Nancy Kiessel, all of Roscommon; Kay Ball (and Scott) of Sylvania, Ohio; Ed Nadeau (Ashly and Thomas) of Monroe; and John Forsyth of Ypsilanti. (Building Fund and Daily Operations)

For Troy Morris from Marcia Royer of Grayling. (Daily Operations).

For Pat Thomas from Don and Jo Wolf of Roscommon. (Daily Operations).

From the Estate of Katherine L. Nave, a donation to help with new shelter and daily operations expenses.

For Lady McLain from Dale and Judy Clyma of Grayling. (Daily Operations).

For Sadie, beloved Golden Retriever, from owners Tom and Laura Purtill of Kalkaska. (Building Fund for the purchase of 27 kennel decks for the new shelter).

For Don and Dorothy "Puff" Denton, of Grayling, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary from their children and grandchildren. (Building Fund).

Make memorial, in honor of, building fund and daily expense donations payable to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the dogs and cats at the shelter, we would like to thank the following for their help in making our second quarter of 2007 wonderfully successful:

The Partnership for Paws Raffle team of Jim Robson, Janet Lee, Diane Hagle and Juan Portugal, who chose our shelter to benefit from their community service project through the Leadership Academy sponsored by the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership. Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets, too. Funds raised helped pay for equipment at the new shelter.

The 3rd Annual Horseshoe Tournament - All players and cheerleaders; organizer Mary Becker; our hosts at Dingman's Bar, Pat "Pops" and Pam Modos; and all businesses and individuals who donated entry fees. We all had a blast!

UBC of Grayling who invited us to participate in its Grand Re-Opening event and raise funds with a hot dog sale.

Finally, to all of you who donated returnable beverage cans and bottles, sent us your Spartan UPCs, and put change in our dog houses, thank you! While these gifts may seem minor, together they make a big difference.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Grand Opening Celebration of our new facility from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 21 at the fairgrounds.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County

BIRTHS

Amy and Loren Cobb of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Alea Llewella, born at Mercy Hospital on June 26, 2007, at 11:04 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

OBITUARIES

Robert W. Chappel

March 12, 1924 - July 6, 2007
Robert Wayne Chappel, 83, of Grayling, passed away on July 6, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, on March 12, 1924, to Rex Aaron and Ruby Angeline (Dyer) Chappel.

He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII.

He married Eileen Sorenson on October 21, 1944, in Detroit, who preceded him in death in 2004.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 106 and the Grayling Masonic Lodge # 356, and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Grayling.

He is survived by daughters: Valerie (Ken) Jones of Grayling, Judy (Gary) Lenn of Chesterfield Township, Kathy (Randy) Sadjak of Barbeau, Cindy (Jim) Knibbs of Petoskey; son, Rob (Pam) Chappel of Oregon; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Pat Stern and Delores Kinsora.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Eileen, grandson, Darryl Jones, and sister Janet Barczynski.

A Masonic memorial service was held on Monday, July 9. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 10, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with Pastor David Blake officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Raymond L. Denno

Jan. 14, 1938 - July 8, 2007
Raymond L. Denno, 69, of Grayling, passed away on July 8, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, on January 14, 1938, to the late Raymond George and Elsie Marie (Galloway) Denno.

He was a lifetime resident of Grayling and worked as a logger during his working years.

He is survived by Joyce Padgetto, companion of 26 years; daughter, Alice Sheldon of Grayling; sons: Ronnie (Denise) Denno of Higgins Lake, Raymond Denno of N.M., William (Kama) Denno, Robert Joseph (Jenn) Denno, both of Grayling; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Thomas Albert (Ann Marie) Denno of Frederic.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Susan Denno, two sisters, and one brother.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 11, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m., with Pastor Rick Secord officiating.

Interment will be at Beaver Creek Township Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Veda M. Smith

Aug. 20, 1940 - July 7, 2007

Veda Mae Smith, age 66, of South Branch Township, passed away July 7, 2007. A funeral service was held on July 10, 2007 at Walsh Funeral Home. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.



Lynda C. Long

Feb. 9, 1940 - July 3, 2007

Lynda Carole (Speelman) Long, age 67 of Uniontown, Pa., passed away with her family and Hospice nurse by her side on July 3, 2007, at her son's home in Garfield Township, Kalkaska County, following her third courageous battle with cancer. She won the battle twice.

Lynda was born February 9, 1940, in Uniontown, Pa., to Vincent and Hilda (Sidow) Speelman. Her childhood was filled with family, the mountains of Pa., a cherished home in Buffington, and life revolving around the Frick Coal Mining Company. She was very proud of this heritage and shared it enthusiastically with her children and grandchildren.

Lynda's family moved to Detroit in the 1950's for a better life as the auto industry boomed. There she met Sheldon Long during a trip with friends to a roller rink. Both attended Cass Technical High School. In 1956, the pair married and over the next eight years became the parents of three children.

For many years, Lynda held a real estate license and enjoyed helping people find their dream homes. Later, she worked in the management office of Macomb Mall for the Schostak Bros. where she met her "ideal mentor," Jeanne Bevard, who helped her through some very tough times, including her first battle with breast cancer. Jeanne, who passed away in April, also helped Lynda hone her business management skills and learn the importance of mentoring.

Lynda was an avid "lefty" bowler and was nearing professional status when she was first met with breast cancer in 1978. She loved to spend Saturday afternoons "rolling 16 lines in-a-row" with anyone who would join her, including her mother, brother and children. She learned many of her bowling skills from the late professional bowler, Bob Strampe, who sponsored her ladies' bowling team for many years.

She was a member of the Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, Pa., and loved her bible study meetings and church community. Lynda loved to listen to her collection of Tennessee Ernie Ford hymns.

She was so delighted to move "back home" to her roots six years ago, reuniting with her childhood friends and memories. Lynda spent the last several years knee-deep in genealogy searches to preserve her family's history. She even met a new cousin in the process, Jack Speelman of Tustin, of whom she was very fond.

Lynda lived life to the fullest, attending plays, movies and concerts at every opportunity. She had a great appreciation for the arts, was a voracious reader, and enjoyed many kinds of music.

Lynda was a founding member

of the breast cancer support group, Bosom Buddies, serving as its treasurer. She offered encouragement, knowledge and support to many women battling the disease and played an important role in raising \$10,000, recently donated to Uniontown Hospital for upgrades in mammography equipment and services.

Lynda was most proud of the accomplishments of her brother, children and grandchildren and mastered the art of bragging about them. She was a great cheerleader and fan to all.

She lived by these words, "The person who sends out positive thoughts activates the world around him positively and draws back to himself positive results." ~ Norman Vincent Peale.

Lynda loved nothing more than to share her belief in the Power of Positive Thinking and the words of Norman Vincent Peale. There were no such words as "I can't" in Lynda's vocabulary. She touched many lives with this wisdom and many are better for it today.

She was preceded in death by her parents and former husband, Sheldon.

She is survived by her children: Kimberly (Guy) Gaskell of St. Louis, Mo., Cheryl (Mark) Ruley of Grayling, Scott (Julie) Long of Fife Lake; grandchildren Bradley and Caitlin Gaskell, Karyn and Kimberly Ruley, Heather (Jason) Vessely; Heidi, Serena, Sarah and Scott Long; great-grandson Elijah Vessely; brother, William (Susan) Speelman of Fraser, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends, some who considered Lynda their second "Mom."

Memorial services will take place in Michigan and Pennsylvania in the future. Cremation has taken place.

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Fun on the Fourth

There was no shortage of fun in Grayling during the Independence Day celebration this year, with the Grayling Youth Booster Club hosting kids' games, a fishing contest and a karaoke competition at the city park. Upper left: Carson Allen, age three, makes his best attempt at the bean bag toss. Upper right: Allie Sanderson, age eight, lines up her throw for the ring toss. Center: Competitors try to catch planted trout during the free kids' fishing contest. Lower left: Military vehicles were on display at the park, including the army hummer pictured here. Kids were allowed to access the vehicles and see what they look like from the inside. Lower right: Plenty of kids and adults tested out their singing voices during the karaoke contest. Here, Kalyann, age six, performs "We Will Rock You" by Queen.

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BUSINESS NEWS



Pete Dzuris

On June 26, Pete Dzuris, president and CEO of Northland Area Federal Credit Union, was elected to a two year term to the CUcorp board at the Michigan Credit Union Center in Northville. CUcorp is a subsidiary of the Michigan Credit Union League and has been at the forefront of providing new products and services

to credit unions for the past 40 years. CUcorp offers credit unions services in the areas of human resources, customized training, insurance programs, operational support, technology, marketing, and payment solutions along with a variety of services for their members.

Dzuris joined Northland in August of 2006, bringing with him over 15 years of financial services industry experience. Previous credit union experience includes seven years as President/CEO of Members First Credit Union in Midland. In his short tenure at Northland he has shown leadership in expanding member services and improving branch properties. Dzuris earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and a Master's degree in Finance from Walsh College.

Funding secured for Head Start programs

The Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency is receiving Head Start grants exceeding \$7.3 million from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Head Start is a preschool education program for children 3-5 years of age whose family incomes are at or below 100 percent of poverty. At least 10 percent of enrollment slots are reserved for children with documented disabilities. Head Start is a comprehensive program and provides health/dental, nutrition, mental health and disability services to participating families.

"This agency provides vital educational services to youngsters and their families," said Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee. "I am pleased to see these funds come through to assist so many of my constituents."

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency's Head Start projects serves children in 21 Michigan counties including: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Bay, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Lapeer, Mecosta, Midland, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Sanilac and Tuscola. The programs are estimated to provide services to over 2,375 children and 3,000 families.

"The work being done by the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency is vital to thousands of my constituents," Stupak said. "It is critical that we continue the vital Head Start services so that these youngsters have the tools they need to succeed in life."

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the week of July 1 - July 8:

Five traffic accidents, four traffic warnings, three traffic control situations, three misdemeanor arrests, three suspicious situation complaints, three disturbance complaints, two larceny complaints, three

assist other departments, two alarm complaints, three juvenile complaints, one animal control complaint, one city ordinance violation, two attempts to locate, one threat complaint, one be on the lookout complaint, one MDOP complaint, one breaking and entering complaint, five civil complaints and 23 unclassified complaints.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library
Join us Saturday, July 14, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. for the "Get A Clue@Your Library" camp-out in the library.

"Weird Science and Secret Codes" is the theme for the July 19 summer reading program, so join Detective Devereaux's Cousin, Professor Puzzle, on Thursday, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Calling all artists, as part of

"Arts and Culture" month in August, we are looking for local artisans to contact us for an art show. What a wonderful way to highlight your art or craft and promote culture in our community. If you are interested or need more information, contact Jane Gyulveszi at (989) 348-9214 ext. 1.

The library is located at 201 Plum Street, Grayling.

AREA EVENTS

Petoskey - "Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to our monthly dinner on Saturday, July 21, 7 p.m. to midnight at the historic Charlevoix Depot beach covered pavilion, for the second potluck of the year, located at the end of Mercer by the Coast Guard station entrance of Lake Charlevoix.

Bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to pass. There will be a gas grill. Bring beach blankets because there will be a fire pit and hopefully some guitar playing men to serenade the evening.

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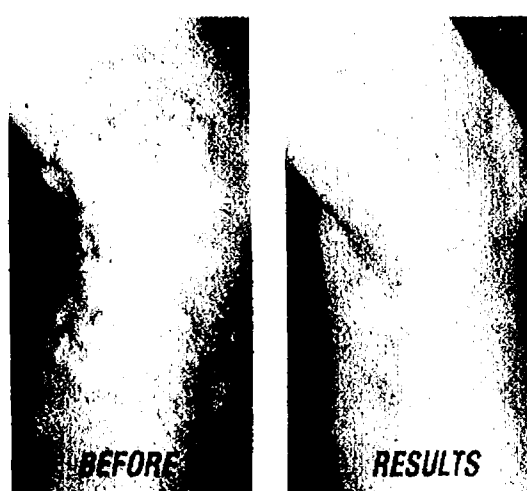
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Creation Station opens at former CASD headquarters

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

A picture may say 1,000 words, but what if that isn't enough? Crawford County residents who are looking to kick their photo albums to the next level now have a resource in the form of the Creation Station, a new business located on Michigan Avenue in the former Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) central office.

"It's fun to be creative and tons of people love to do it," said store owner Amy Leonard.

Leonard, who is a Crawford County resident, formerly managed the Copy Shop for six years. She officially opened her new business, which focuses on the art of scrapbooking, last Monday.

"I'm pretty much the only one locally, so that's kind of nice," said Leonard.

She purchased the building from the school district last October, and has been remodeling since January.

The end result is a building completely transformed. Office areas have been replaced with a wide open storefront filled with all kinds of colored paper, markers, scissors and adhesives.

"Scrapbook stores are more fun because it's a store just dedicated to this hobby," said Leonard.

It is a hobby that Leonard has enjoyed for 10 years. She said



Creation Station owner Amy Leonard (pictured) totally remodeled the interior of the former CASD central office in order to facilitate her scrapbooking business. Although the store just opened last Monday, Leonard said she has already seen a lot of interest from customers.

that her all time favorite creation was the scrapbook she made for her first daughter.

"It's a nice way to look at what's going on...a good way to put your thoughts on paper," said Leonard.

She said that a scrapbook offers something that a regular photo album or portfolio just can't provide.

"There (are) just so many peo-

ple that love the three dimensional look," said Leonard. "They can see the fun."

Her advice to beginning scrapbookers is to avoid trying to complete their projects in a rush.

"If you take the time and have the patience it still looks like you spent hours on them," said Leonard.

For those who really want some hands on guidance, the

Creation Station will even be offering tutorial classes.

"I look forward to getting my classes going and getting a lot more people in," said Leonard.

She said she also looks forward to running her own business for the first time.

"It's nice to know I have something that's my own...and (to be able to) put the creativity out there," said Leonard.

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Animal cruelty results in jail time, steep fines

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service at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County or at the Roscommon County Animal Shelter. Burneister said it was his hope that Baumgart would learn to properly care for his animals while performing the community service.

Finally, Burneister ordered Baumgart to relinquish the ownership of dogs he currently owns, although his kennel license was renewed by the Roscommon County Animal Shelter.

Thor was found on Jan. 11 emaciated in a carport where Baumgart's mother, Judith Baumgart, lives on Stephan Bridge Road. The dog was tied to a golf cart with a nylon strap.

Veterinarians who testified at the trial said that Thor was half his normal weight and his ribs were clearly visible due to lack of muscle mass.

Miranda Bailey, Baumgart's defense counsel, argued that Thor had jumped from the truck while he was snow plowing his mother's driveway on Dec. 28.

Gail Foguth, the animal control officer for Crawford County, testified that Baumgart's mother did not tell her that she or her son were missing a dog, trying to pass it off as a stray.

Terry MacKillop, the animal control officer for Roscommon County, said he was able to link the ownership of Thor to Baumgart after area citizens circulated flyers, seeking to cover mounting veterinary bills.

Baumgart volunteered to relinquish the ownership of six other labs he had in his kennel after being questioned by MacKillop.

Baumgart declined an offer to make a statement prior to his sentencing. He agreed to forfeit the ownership of Thor to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Thor has been cared for by Cheryl Postma, the director for the Animal Shelter of Crawford

County. Postma said Thor is doing well physically, but is still anxious around people.

Burneister said that hearing the testimony at the trial reminded him of seeing a dog abused as a child, but said the neglect of Thor was more excessive because it was over several months.

"What this represents to me is a systematic deprivation of this dog," Burneister said.

About a dozen people who have followed the case involving Thor attended the sentencing, including Grayling High School graduate Christopher Wright, the author of the American Children's and Michigan Chillers children's books. Wright has been documenting the case involving Thor on a website called www.thor-swarriors.com. He is actively seeking to have Baumgart charged for the neglect of the six other labs in Roscommon County.

Sharon Priebe, president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board of Directors, said shelter officials were elated with the outcome of the case.

"As president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board, we are pleased with Judge Burneister's decision," Priebe said. "We feel it was right and justified, and we hope that this serves as a lesson to other people - that if they don't properly care for the animals - the judicial system will get involved to make sure their animals are cared for like they should be."

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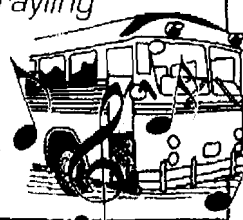
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Stopping to smell the roses



Dawn Pindell (right) shows off her garden to Kim Ruddy, a participant in the Grayling Garden Walk. Pindell has a four season garden that has something in bloom throughout the year. "There's always something to look at," said Pindell. The event took place on July 8 and also featured gardens from Jodie Ball, Denise Hartung, Mary Phelps, Marilyn Rosi, Laurie Sheets and Cheryl Stewart.

Participants gearing up for HUP Race

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Dedicated paddlers have been training for the AuSable River Canoe marathon for months. Meanwhile, a slightly more casual crowd has probably been thinking about training for the HUP Race for the last several days. Although in this race, flash, bravado and humor usually

carry paddlers much further than their flimsy watercraft.

This year's Hurry Up and Paddle-or Sink-Race takes place at 6 p.m. at the Grayling City Park on Wednesday, July 25, just a few short days before the Canoe Marathon. Once again, participants will be challenged to paddle a couple hundred feet near the City Park in boats constructed from three pieces of wood, nails and, of course, duct tape.

"There's some teams that think they've got the best design for the canoe...and they'll sink before they even get to paddle," said Dori Branson, public relations director for the race.

In this case, style is genuinely most important than substance, as most teams tend to be more inter-

ested in winning over the crowd than winning the race. Participants wear outrageous costumes and spend plenty of time fueling friendly rivalries.

Although many of the regular yearly participants have already signed up, there are still additional race slots available as of press time. Race organizers are even considering allowing registration beyond the usual 20 boat limit if there is enough interest.

In the spirit of saving time, paddlers may be racing in three boat heats instead of just two as in the past.

Live entertainment will be provided by the ever popular Wise Guys, and concessions will be available as well. Event attendees will have the opportunity to

examine paddlers and their boats before the race, but paddlers be warned: judges will be examining boats as well.

"Judges get to drill holes in canoes," said Branson, who added that race officials will be cracking down on violations even more than in previous years.

"Anything that you have to stick on that's not latex paint or the duct tape is a violation," said Branson.

For those who are brave enough to face the judges' wrath, race packets can be picked up at J. Dap in downtown Grayling. Everyone else is encouraged to attend the free event.

"If you want a good laugh, this is definitely the place to be," said Branson.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 140 complaints the week of July 2 - July 8:

One EMS response, 11 suspicious situations, 20 general non-criminal complaints, six structure fires, one hazardous-spill-leak-power line, one delinquent minors, two false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalkings,

five burglaries/home invasions, 10 larcenies, four fraudulent activities, seven damage to properties, one damage to property-business property, one drug/narcotics violations, two sex offenses-indecent exposure, 24 public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, two health and safeties, seven traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one inspection-breathalyzer, one hazardous con-

dition, two accidents-all other, one inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, 12 inspections/investigations-family, two lost and found properties and 12 driving violations/driving while license suspended.

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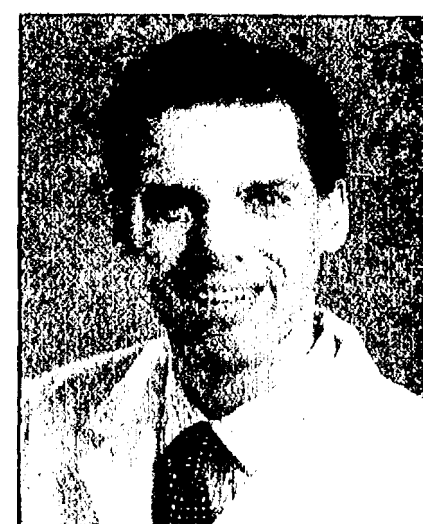
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60th AuSable Marathon poised to set a new record for most teams

Seventy-three duos have registered as of Friday, July 6

■ Two more Hall of Fame members to be inducted during July 27 Marathon Dinner

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

This year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon – a 120-mile, non-stop race from Grayling to Oscoda scheduled for the last full weekend of July – is expected to feature the most competitors the event has ever had in its 60-year history.

The 2007 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon had 73 paddling teams entered as of Friday, July 6 – the second of four cutoff dates for registration. The third cutoff is July 20, and the final day to register is Monday, July 23.

The AuSable Marathon's current record for most teams starting the race is 68, a mark set in 2000. Sixty-four teams started last year's AuSable Marathon. Generally, a few registered teams drop out before the race, so depending on late withdrawals and the possibility of more teams signing up prior to the final two cutoffs, this year's starting field could be the largest in the history of the AuSable Marathon.

"It looks like we may even get a few more (teams)," said Joe Wakeley, who serves as the Marathon Committee's co-chairman. "We have a record already and it looks like we'll be

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See "60TH AUSABLE..."



AuSable River Canoe Marathon competitors enter the river at Ray's Canoe Livery during the start of the 2006 race. This year's AuSable Marathon – the 60th race in the event's history – will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 28.

60TH AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON ENTRY LIST

Entry Number	Canoe Number	Competitor #1 Hometown #1	Competitor #2 Hometown #2	25	90	Brian Jacobs Frederic, MI	Brandon Jacobs Grayling, MI	50	26	Joe Pollock Edmore, MI	Brad Wilson Grayling, MI
01	42	Jason Thompson Traverse City, MI	Jon Thompson Lewiston, MI	26	83	Ray Bauer Cincinnati, OH	Tom Ackemyer Cincinnati, OH	51	52	Brian Barkholz Hale, MI	Joe Kimmerer Hale, MI
02	41	Sarah Webb Hubbard Lake, MI	Marcia Rimer Horton, MI	27	55	Greg Nelson Marquette, MI	Joseph Seifert Grayling, MI	52	82	Clark Kent Lapeer, MI	Russ Feker Lapeer, MI
03	2	Barb Bradley Wausau, WI	Allen Limberg Wausau, WI	28	54	Lynne Witte Mt. Clemens, MI	Connie Cannon East Lansing, MI	53	25	Amy Solak Traverse City, MI	Tim Chapple Interlochen, MI
04	05	Bruce Barton Homer, MI	Matt Meersman South Bend, IN	29	36	Michael Garon Washington Twp., MI	Doug Gillin Adrian, MI	54	68	Chad Brandt Hale, MI	Steve Krantz Hale, MI
05	10	Joe Leusby Higgins Lake, MI	Alex Kostra Transfer, PA	30	57	Don Brooks Beaverton, MI	Jon Webb Hubbard Lake, MI	55	85	Gloria Wesley Pittsfield, MA	Gary Aprea Austerlitz, NY
06	24	Bill Walker Amherst, OH	John Funderburg Amherst, OH	31	86	John Sullivan Grayling, MI	Ted Kolka Jackson, MI	56	07	Steve Peterson Oak Grove, MN	Emily Peterson Minneapolis, MN
07	28	Fritz Hansen Burlington, WI	Mark Koenig Woodstock, IL	32	39	Doug VanMeter Homer, MI	Bill DuBois Jackson, MI	57	88	Allan DuBois Cottage Grove, MN	Jeffery DuBois North Oaks, MN
08	30	Keith Canny Andover, MN	Jo Harberts Minneapolis, MN	33	19	Jerry Killingbeck East Tawas, MI	Mike Poland Oscoda, MI	58	33	Wade Binion College Station, TX	Armin Lopez Santa Elena, Belize
09	11	Jason Hatfield Grayling, MI	Todd VanDeVen Grayling, MI	34	94	Troy Harrison Whittemore, MI	Bill Smutek Luzerne, MI	59	73	Devin Arenz St. Paul, MN	Kate Ellis Minneapolis, MN
10	01	Andrew Triblebold Spring Arbor, MI	Matt Rimer Grayling, MI	35	46	Ashley Marsh Mio, MI	Nathan Winkler Interlochen, MI	60	20	Brian Royce Roscommon, MI	Mark Church Roscommon, MI
11	47	Jeff DeFeo Chester, MA	Kaitlyn McElroy Bethel, ME	36	117	Frank Taber Lowell, MI	Frank Hewitt Grand Rapids, MI	61	61	Chuck Hewitt Bay City, MI	Chris Hewitt Bay City, MI
12	107	Randy Allison Gaylord, MI	Joey Frost Gaylord, MI	37	34	Troy Walker Oscoda, MI	Mike Montgomery Mikado, MI	62	75	Steve Skillman Bay City, MI	Dennis Butler Bay City, MI
13	58	Timothy McClure Roscommon, MI	Ryan McClure Roscommon, MI	38	8	Pete Mead Traverse City, MI	Nick Walton Haslett, MI	63	56	Derek Weeks Lapeer, MI	Robert Roach Flushing, MI
14	29	Ted Matthews East Tawas, MI	Rod Matthews Oscoda, MI	39	13	Josh Taylor Grayling, MI	Mitch McMillan Clare, MI	64	51	Rusty McLain Chesapeake, VA	Ben Lawry Ridgeland, SC
15	49	Ray Trudgeon East Lansing, MI	Carrie Montgomery Mikado, MI	40	38	Robert Smith Roscommon, MI	Cameron McClain Grayling, MI	65	188	Chris Slowinski Shelby Township, MI	Mark Trudell Fenton, MI
16	87	Rodney Halstead Grayling, MI	Ryan Halstead Grayling, MI	41	76	Rob Reed Grayling, MI	Jim Laurent Grayling, MI	66	45	Skip Conant Avon, OH	Andy Tenbush Avon, OH
17	43	Spencer Derenzy Grayling, MI	Mike Hartman Grayling, MI	42	31	Tom Dombroski Whittemore, MI	Mike Taylor Brighton, MI	67	12	Tad Hill Livonia, MI	Efrain Cruz Caya District, Belize
18	89	Matt Streib Bristol, IN	Steve Corlew Grayling, MI	43	53	Tony Medina Roscommon, MI	Christopher Miller Grayling, MI	68	44	Ed Lazar Grosse Pointe, MI	Steve Bis Sanford, MI
19	14	Bill Torongo Roscommon, MI	Calvin Hassel Grand Island, NE	44	74	Tim Sheldon Grayling, MI	Erich Podjaske Grayling, MI	69	98	Alex Donaldson Grayling, MI	Martin Spees Flint, MI
20	96	Larry Frederick Archer, FL	Jan Perrin Monona, WI	45	65	Frank Smutek Luzerne, MI	Brian Smutek Luzerne, MI	70	27	Dwight Walker Marshall, MI	Bill Kanost Valparaiso, IN
21	99	Grant Tally Flat Rock, MI	ReJean Huard Shawinigan, Quebec	46	79	Doug Moggo Grayling, MI	Josh Moggo Grayling, MI	71	69	Kevin Murphy Grayling, MI	Bob Stockton Higgins Lake, MI
22	00	Bob Bradford Lapeer, MI	Mike Bradford Lapeer, MI	47	81	Tony Short Indian River, MI	Brad Bauer Seattle WA	72	03	Josh Sheldon Lansing, MI	Joe Shaw Worthington, MA
23	09	Al Widling, Sr. Mio, MI	Sean Casey Grayling, MI	48	22	Colin Hunter Grayling, MI	Ted Smutek Luzerne, MI	73	35	Chris Scully Lincoln, MI	Ellen Thompson Lewiston, MI
24	17	Jim Bauer Spokane, WA	Alison Scott Spokane, WA	49	32	Joey Kimsel Oscoda, MI	Erik McCausey Oscoda, MI	Entry List (courtesy of www.ausablecanoe marathon.org) includes teams registered as of Friday, July 6			



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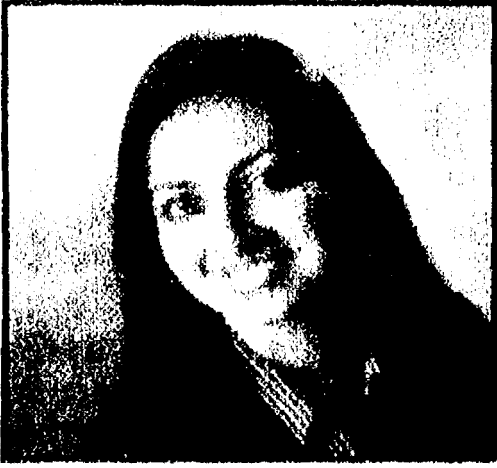
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The 2007 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Time Trials for Starting Position will be held at Penrod's on Thursday, July 26, and Friday, July 27. Time Trials are currently scheduled for 5-9 p.m. on Thursday and 2-6 p.m. on Friday, but Thursday's sprints may start earlier due to the record number of entries this year.

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adding a few more. The extra interest is because of the 60th year, it's kind of a milestone. It will be interesting to see if the numbers hold up going into future years."

Wakeley said the number of entrants typically spikes during an anniversary year and even out in subsequent years.

"Out of the (73) teams we have, (146) paddlers, (32) of the entrants, it will be their first marathon. I don't know if that's a record or not, but it's a huge number," Wakeley said.

"We're going to be busy," Wakeley said.

AuSable Marathon teams will battle for starting positions at Time Trials — an event where paddling teams complete a looped course at Penrod's — on Thursday, July 26, and Friday, July 27. Time Trials are currently scheduled for 5-9 p.m. on Thursday and 2-6 p.m. on Friday, but Thursday's sprints may have to start earlier due to this year's sizeable starting field.

"We're probably going to be starting sprints a little earlier on Thursday. That's what we're looking at," Wakeley said.

After Time Trials on Friday evening, the AuSable Marathon will conduct its annual dinner at the Ramada Inn (formerly the Grayling Holiday Inn). The Marathon Dinner is open to the public. Last year, the Marathon Committee made a concerted effort to generate more interest in the dinner and get more people

to attend, with positive results.

"We did get more people there," Wakeley said. "People had the impression before that (the dinner) was for paddlers only. We had 350, 360 people, which was more than we had before. We were pleased with the turnout."

The Marathon Committee created an AuSable Marathon Hall of Fame last year and inducted its first two members at the Marathon Dinner. Two more Hall of Fame members will be inducted at this year's dinner. Also, this year's dinner will be emceed by George Blaha, a radio and television play-by-play commentator for the Detroit Pistons.

Tickets for the 2007 Marathon Dinner can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Marathon Office located in the Grayling Mini Mall.

"It's probably a good idea to get (tickets) in advance, as well as the attendance was last year, and with George Blaha emceeing, it will probably be full," Wakeley said.

The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

This year's AuSable Marathon merchandise and Spectator Guide are expected to be available to the public this week. The Spectator Guide includes several feature articles in addition to other information about the race. One of this year's AuSable Marathon shirts will feature a photo from one of the first races.

Merchandise will be sold at the Marathon Office in the Mini Mall until race week. During the week before the race, merchandise will be sold in the building next to Xpress Copy Center on Michigan Avenue.

Wakeley said the Marathon Committee isn't planning anything special to commemorate the race's 60th anniversary, but the prerace program on Saturday night will include something to celebrate Weyerhaeuser's 25th



The hill at Cooke Dam is one of several portages AuSable Marathon teams must navigate during the 120-mile race.

year in Grayling. Weyerhaeuser is the race's primary sponsor.

"For the 50th they did a lot of different things, but nothing real dramatic at this point" is planned for the 60th anniversary, Wakeley said. "It's Weyerhaeuser's 25th year in Grayling. They are working on a couple extra things to add to Saturday night's prerace program."

Tickets for the annual Marathon Raffle, which includes a \$1,000 grand prize, should be available this week. The name of the grand prize winner will be announced during the prerace program.

As always, the Marathon Committee welcomes volunteers to help with the race. Potential volunteers are encouraged to contact the Marathon Office at 348-4425. "There's always an

open invite for volunteers," Wakeley said.

The 2007 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling.

"We're just hoping for good weather and lots of people in town," Wakeley said.

For more on the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, check out the event's official website: www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

To check out the Crawford County Avalanche's Photo Gallery from last year's AuSable Marathon and AuSable Marathon Time Trials, visit our website at: www.crawford-countyavalanche.com. Use one of the Photo Gallery links, then go into "Community Events" or "Sports & Recreation."

GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority men's softball league results and standings for the 2007 season:

Week 6 Results

Grayling Inn vs. Kodiak — Game 1: Grayling Inn 22, Kodiak 9; Game 2: Grayling Inn 19, Kodiak 7.

Gray Rock vs. Hometown — Game 1: Gray Rock 26, Hometown 11; Game 2: Gray Rock 2, Hometown 10.

Springs vs. SMK — Game 1: SMK 19, Springs 10; Game 2: SMK 22, Springs 8.

Week 7 Results

AJD vs. Kodiak — Game 1: Kodiak 22, AJD 18; Game 2: Kodiak 18, AJD 10;

Gray Rock vs. Springs — Game 1: Springs 16, Gray Rock 12; Game 2: Gray Rock 10, Springs 9;

Hometown vs. SMK — Game 1:

SMK 14, Hometown 4; Game 2: Hometown 14, SMK 11.

League standings, as of 7/9/07 (league standings do not include byes):

Grayling Inn.....	11-1
SMK.....	10-2
Kodiak.....	8-4
AJD.....	4-8
Hometown.....	4-8
Gray Rock.....	4-8
Springs.....	1-11

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GHS Baseball

Grayling High School varsity baseball players Ethan Neuberger and Doug Slater recently received academic all-

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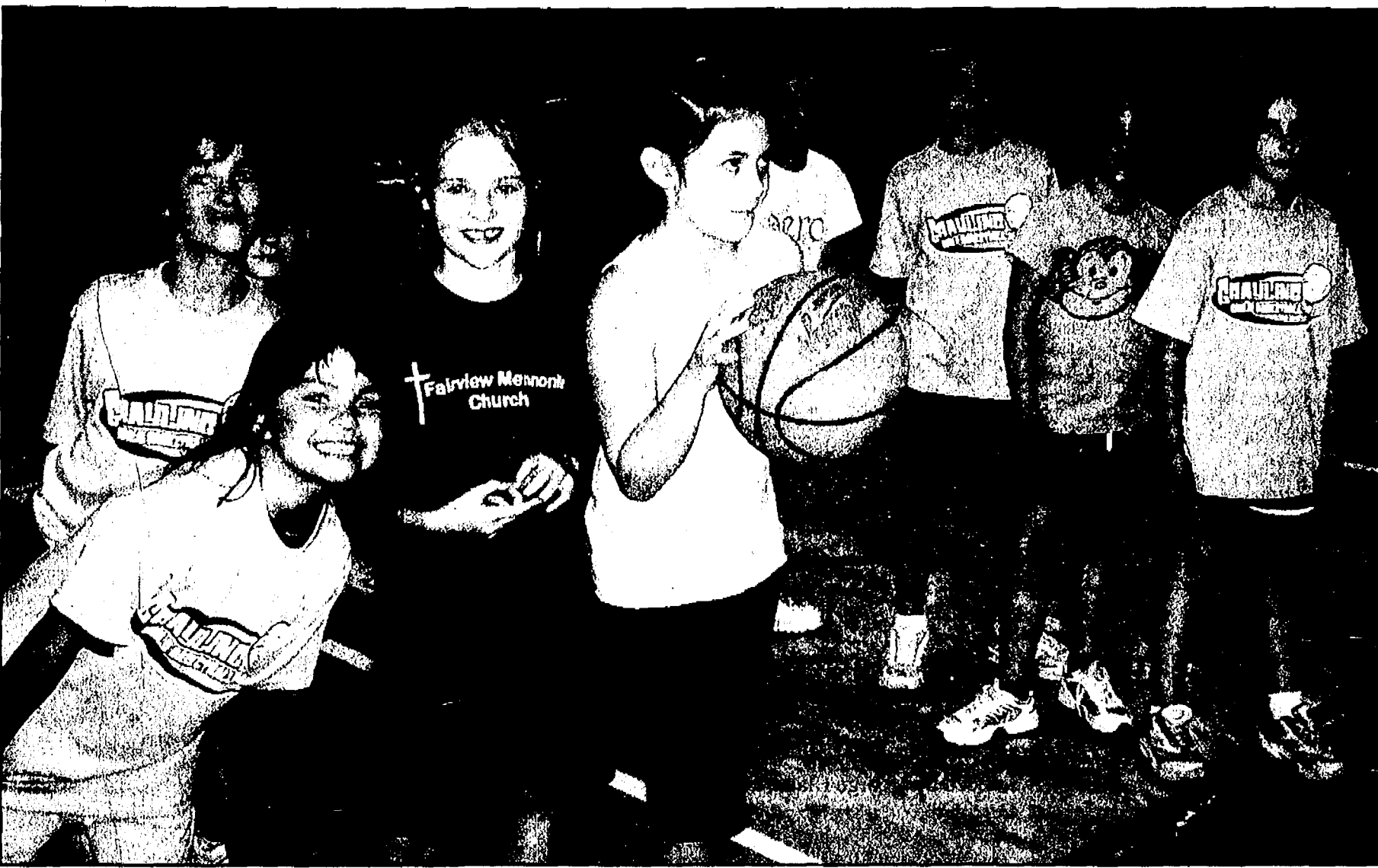
Neuberger, an outfielder, started every game for the Vikings this year and earned the team's most improved player award this

year. Slater "started out the season pitching well," Coach John Schneider said, but his 2007 campaign was disrupted by injuries.

Girls basketball camp held at GHS



Forty-three girls going into grades 2-8 participated in a recent basketball camp at Grayling High School. Members of the GHS girls basketball team, varsity coach Kelly Sheehan, junior varsity coach Craig Hofman, and freshman coach Jenny Swander instructed the girls on basic fundamentals, drills, and games.





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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher J. Millikin and Kimberly Millikin, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2003, and

recorded on June 24, 2003 in Liber 640 on Page 578, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty And 88/100 Dollars (\$52,220.88), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 39, Timberidge Estates No. 2, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, page 14, Crawford

County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 28, 2007
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Matthew E Banko and Sabrina R Banko, Husband and Wife to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2004 and recorded February 10, 2004 in Liber 666 Page 238 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne to: HSBC Bank (USA), on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$107,417.47) including interest 6.9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. Said premises are situated in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Number 22, Williams Wilderness, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 4377 Melissa Ln, Rosecommon MI 48653 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: JUNE 18, 2007 HSBC Bank (USA), Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-72846_(HSBC) ASAP# 865426 06/28/2007, 07/05/2007, 07/12/2007, 07/19/2007

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MORTGAGE SALE

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Default having occurred pursuant to the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by CARL AND JUDY CRAFT, husband and wife, ("Mortgagor") to The

Huntington National Bank, a National Banking Association of 10717 Adams Street, Holland, Michigan, Mortgagee, dated MARCH 18, 2003, and recorded on MARCH 25, 2003 in Liber 625, page 8, and assigned to Fourteen Corporation, an Ohio Corporation, on May 29, 2007, recorded June 1, 2007 in Liber 687, Page 125, Crawford County Records. State of Michigan, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$325,873.77 and an attorneys fee as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the money as secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof and the entire sum claimed due is, as of the date hereof, fully due and payable.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on JULY 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., local time, the undersigned will, immediately inside the lobby of the Courthouse, City of Grayling, Michigan, (that being the place for the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said Mortgage for so much thereof which may be necessary to pay the amount due on said Mortgage, with daily interest after the date hereof and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, together with said attorneys fee, and also any sum or sums which may be paid and are by Mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and described as following, to-wit:

Description 1:

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Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, EXCEPT that part of the above description described as: Commencing at a point on the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Section 6; thence North 180 feet; thence East 660 feet; thence South 180 feet; thence West 660 feet to the point of beginning.

Description 2:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence West on the Southerly boundary line of said tract a distance of 250 feet to the point of beginning; thence West on said boundary to the Southwest corner of said tract; thence North on the Westerly boundary line of said tract a distance of 180 feet; thence North 87°09' East to a point due North of the Point of Beginning; thence due South to the Point of Beginning.

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Grayling Township Planning Commission to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will meet in public session on Tuesday, July 31st, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 07-01PUD Planned Unit Development
 Petitioner: Axiom Entertainment
 Address: 222 South Main Street
 Rochester Hills, MI 48307
 Local Address: None
 Property ID#: None
 Location: All state-owned property T26N, R3W, Sec. 20, 29, 32, 33
 Parcel Size: Approx. 1,800 acres
 Zoning: Planned Industrial & Planned Commercial
 Request: Request to re-zone entire area into a Planned Unit Development with various uses.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a vacancy on the Housing Commission.

Applicants are to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. Applications can be obtained from and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore by Friday, July 27, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. or may be obtained on-line thru www.crawfordco.org and returned to Crawford County Clerk 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Conrad S. Niederhouse, to First Union National Bank of Delaware, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2000 and recorded December 1, 2000 in Liber 523, Page 567, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the CSFB Home Equity Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-AGE1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and 35/100 Dollars (\$53,438.35) including interest at 11.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 25, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 35, Roy L. Estates, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: June 21, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 231.5660
-21-28-5-12

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. **MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Anderson and Calley Anderson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006, and recorded on June 27, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 136, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-12XS

as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine and 49/100 Dollars (\$203,469.49), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on July 25, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 88 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 1, 446.37 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section 1; thence continuing South 88 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East along said North line, 184.46 feet; thence South 14 degrees 33 minutes 50 seconds West, 180.70 feet; thence South 28 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds West, 257.08 feet to a traverse along the Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence along said traverse the following three courses: (1) North 48 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 116.75 feet (2) North 13 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West, 51.47 feet; thence North 16 degrees 22 minutes 51 seconds East, 291.40 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Description to include lands lying between said traverse line and the edge of water of the AuSable River between the Westerly extensions of the Northerly and Southerly lines as described herein. Land subject to the Northerly portion thereof as Pollack Bridge Road and any easements, restrictions, or rights of way of record. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 21, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #146678F01
-21-28-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Edward C. Robinson II and Barbara M. Robinson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation nka Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 6th day of October, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of October, 1997 in Liber 439 of Crawford County Records, page 409, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven & 14/100 (\$52977.14), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of July, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.25% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel "D": The Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 6/21/2007
Green Tree Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Green Tree Servicing, LLC
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600
-21-28-5-12

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Gregg A. Daly and Patsy A. Daly, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to New World Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 15, 2005 and recorded September 30, 2005 in Liber 677 Page 731 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated as of March 1, 2006 Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2006-HE2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2006-HE2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$77,656.88) including interest 8.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County

Records.

Commonly known as 10363 Regimental Way, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined, abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JUNE 21, 2007 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated as of March 1, 2006 Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series NC 2006-HE2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2006-HE2,
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-72824
-28-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ernest Balch a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 2006, and recorded on June 9, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 883, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight and 24/100 Dollars (\$68,368.24), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 28, Roffee's Addition to Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 28, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #147968F01
-28-5-12-19

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE (CRAWFORD COUNTY)

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Suzanne M. Harris, a single woman to Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co., Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2005 and recorded on July 6, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 159 of the Crawford County Records, and, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One and 20/100 Dollars (\$23,281.20).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday the 8th day of August, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan,

Said foreclosure sale will be of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be

necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 12.50 % per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: Premises situated in the County of Crawford, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

C/K/A: 801 E. Michigan Avenue
Tax Parcel #: 070-181-001-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 27, 2007

Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co., Mortgagee

Law Offices of Eden J. Allyn, Attorney
31333 West Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 209
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334
(248) 855-2550
-28-5-12-19-26-2

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Oscar McPeck and Tina Marie McPeck, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 17, 2007, and recorded on April 9, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 177, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Ninety-Eight and 75/100 Dollars (\$147,098.75), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 15, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 333 feet of the North 1998 Feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 12, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #150102F01
-12-19-26-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7275 DE
Estate of George A. Close
Date of birth: 6/29/1908
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, George A. Close, who lived at 2291 Garland, Sylvan Lake, Michigan died July 21, 1985.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard L. Close, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 7, 2007
Richard L. Close
1026 Royal Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48073
248-435-2433
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE HIGGINS LAKE UTILITIES AUTHORITY TO THE ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK AND NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township Board of the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan (the "Township"), pursuant to a resolution approved by the Township Board at its meeting on Monday, July 9, 2007, expressed its intent to enter into a contract (the "Contract") with the Higgins Lake Utilities Authority (the "Authority"), and authorized the execution of the proposed Contract by certain designated Township officials.

PURPOSE FOR AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT

The proposed Contract is for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, financing and operating a sewage disposal and collection system, as well as all other necessary and related improvements (the "Project"), in conjunction with the Township of Lyon in Roscommon County, to serve the property commonly known as "Camp Curnalia". To undertake the Project, the Township and the Township of Lyon recently established the Authority pursuant to the Municipal Sewage and Water Supply Systems Act, Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended.

The proposed Contract between the Township and the Authority would: (A) authorize the Authority to acquire, construct, finance and operate the Project, in conjunction with the Township of Lyon; (B) authorize the Authority to issue bonds (the "Bonds") in an amount NOT TO EXCEED Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000), in one or more series, to pay the costs for constructing and acquiring the Project; (C) pledge to the Authority, for the repayment of the Bonds, the special assessment revenues to be assessed by the Township against, and collected from, the properties that will benefit from the Project, which the Township would pay to the Authority in annual installments; (D) pledge the Township's limited tax full faith and credit for the repayment of the Bonds and the operation of the Project; (E) identify the allocation of the Project costs between the Township and the Township of Lyon; (F) contain appropriate remedy provisions in case of default; and (G) include such other terms and provisions as deemed necessary by the Township and the Authority. The Township of Lyon may also be a party to the Contract.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION

The Contract will be payable primarily from special assessment revenues to be assessed by the Township against, and collected, from properties that will benefit from the Project, and will be payable in not more than forty (40) annual installments. The Township will pledge such special assessment revenues, and make annual installment payments, to the Authority, which will use a portion of those revenues for the repayment of the Authority's Bonds and a portion for the operation of the Project.

In addition, the Township is authorized pursuant to the Municipal Sewage and Water Supply Systems Act to pledge its full faith and credit to the Authority pursuant to the Contract. By making providing its full faith and credit pledge, the Township would be authorized within its constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations to levy such taxes or advance such funds from the general funds of the Township as might be necessary to prevent or cure any default in the repayment of the Bonds resulting from an insufficiency of special assessment revenues pledged pursuant to the Contract. Although it is not anticipated that the Township will ever be required to advance such funds, the Township would, in the event of an advance, be entitled to be repaid from the next special assessment revenues available after correction of any deficiency or default.

The total cost of the acquisition, construction and financing of the Project is estimated to be not more than \$7,500,000, a portion of which cost is to be paid from the proceeds of the Authority's Bonds. The State of Michigan, through its Department of Environmental Quality, makes funds available for sewage disposal and collection improvement projects at an effective interest rate of approximately 1.625% per annum through a State Revolving Loan Fund administered through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority. The Authority will seek to finance a portion of the entire Project cost through bonds issued through said State Revolving Loan Fund. The Contract will authorize the Authority to issue additional bonds to finance the remaining portion of the total cost of the acquisition, construction and financing of the Project.

Further, approximately One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,357,000) in Project costs shall be paid for with grants received by the Township, the Township of Lyon, and Roscommon County for the Project.

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 8 of the Municipal Sewage and Water Supply Systems Act, Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended. If, within the forty-five (45) day period from the publication of this NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT, a PETITION signed by not less than TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS residing within the limits of the Township of Beaver Creek is filed with the Township Clerk requesting a REFERENDUM upon the question of entering into the Contract, the Contract shall not become effective until approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the Township qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election. The current number of registered electors in the Township is 1,199.

Further information regarding the proposed sewage disposal and collection system improvement project, and the Contract and the Bonds described herein, is available at the office of the Township Supervisor of the Township of Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738 (phone 989-275-8878).

Dated: July 12, 2007

SHARON HARTMAN
Clerk, Township of Beaver Creek

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 13, 1961- Quartermaster General Carson R. Niefert (left) and Camp Grayling Superintendent Billy Jim Kinkert (right) took members of the Crawford County Road Commission on an inspection tour of the moving target range. Also pictured are: (L-R) Commissioner Elmer A. Corsaut, chairman Harold T. Johnson and Superintendent Bruce R. Carlson.

23 Years Ago
July 12, 1984
Charles L. Berlin, president of Gaylord State Bank, has announced the appointment of Donna J. Masker to branch manager of the Grayling office. Masker will be responsible for managing the branch's daily operations, as well as new business development involving consumer and commercial accounts. She joined the staff of Gaylord State Bank in April, 1982, bringing with her eight years of bank-

ing experience with 1st State Bank of Saginaw. The "Snooper Scooper," a device used to detect sources of pollution in lakes, will be used at Lake Margrethe late this summer. At the annual meeting of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, (LMPOA), July 7, newly re-elected President Garland (Bud) Joyce signed a contract with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments to obtain the services of the pollution detection

device. The "Snooper Scooper" one of only two devices in the United States that can detect low levels of phosphorous, amino nitrates and other forms of nitrate pollution and pinpoint where the pollution is entering the lake.

Camp Grayling, the Department of Military Affairs, and the DNR have joined forces in working to clean up an estimated 5,000 gallon fuel leak near the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (M.A.T.E.S.). A hole about the size of nickel in a line to underground fuel tanks was responsible for the leak, said John Alford, of the DNR ground water quality division.

A break-dance demonstration, backwards canoe, and a chili cooking contest are among several new events being added to the 1984 Crawford County Fair, Aug. 24-26.

46 Years Ago
July 13, 1961

Sam Bailey has a new building under construction at the intersection of M-72 and M-93 west of Grayling. It will house a farmers market when completed.

A camper at Jones Lake gathered his wood from the army range and built his fire in a grill in front of his tent. The heat exploded a shell which had been embedded in the wood destroying the grill, ruined his tent and shrapnel flew for 100 feet. Luckily no one was injured.

At a school election of the Frederic Community School District, the electors approved an

extra three mills of tax for school operation for the next five years besides electing two school trustees. James Madill was elected with 105 votes and Harold T. Johnson was re-elected to the board with 80 votes while the third man, Raymond Monschau, received 76 votes.

69 Years Ago
July 14, 1938

Clement Blaine returned from Chicago, where he has been the last three months taking an electrical course.

The Bates home on Michigan Avenue has had a round of repairs. The porches have been rebuilt with the back one enclosed with several windows. The building is now nicely repainted ivory and when the job is completed it is going to look very nice.

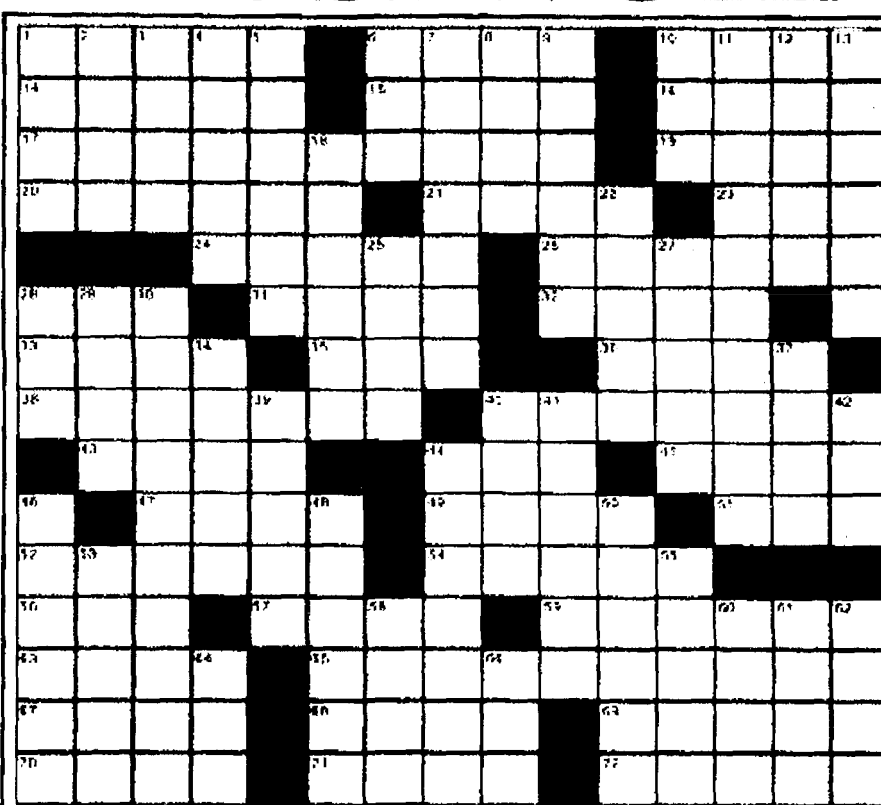
92 Years Ago
July 15, 1915

Sheriff Cody has appointed James McCarthy as deputy sheriff at Deward.

An enclosure is being built at the military reservation for the purpose of enclosing wild animals such as deer, elk and others. It will contain 80 acres. It is the purpose of the state to try and keep them within the reserve.

The annual school meeting was held Monday evening, about 40 persons being in attendance. Following the report Marius Hanson and Charles T. Jerome were re-elected members for three years.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Calico horse.
 - Make slippery with a lubricant.
 - Acronym for Advanced Sleep Phase Syndrome.
 - Distinct sections of a building set aside for a specific function.
 - Ancient official during the late 18th dynasty of Egypt.
 - Cause to point inward.
 - At the bottom of the range of sounds.
 - Beverage made with carbonated water and a sweet flavoring.
 - Constituting the full quantity.
 - Change, author.
 - Delace.
 - Above the horizon.
 - Highly incendiary jellylike substance used in fire bombs.
 - Surface layer of ground containing a mat of grass and grass roots.
 - Attend a party without a female companion.
 - Gold leaf coating.
 - Capital of Ukraine.
 - Sooner than.
 - Term used by modern archaeologists instead of cells.
 - Internal organs and parts of an animal.
 - Rash person.
 - Cap with a flat circular top and a visor.
 - Cut back the growth of.
 - Circle dance.
 - Give the mere appearance of beauty.
 - Last form of wildlife in folklore to take shelter prior to a hurricane and the first to reappear after it passes.
 - Fifth Egyptian King of the First dynasty.
 - Someone who purchases and maintains an inventory of goods to be sold.
 - Act together.
 - Settled, monotonous routine that is hard to escape.
 - Showing a brooding ill humor.
 - Move unsteadily with a rocking motion.
 - Acronym for Advanced Placement Instructional Package.
 - Woman's surname before her marriage.
 - Colorless, odorless gaseous element that gives a red glow in a vacuum tube.
 - Benson, wife of baseball pitcher Kris Benson.
 - Tending to a definite end.
 - Depression in a surface made by pressure.
 - Objective evidence of the presence of a disease.
 - Arrange the order of so as to increase one's winning chances.
- Down
- Wooden strip forming part of a fence.
 - Dialect of the Osseic language.
 - Aliens character.
 - Plant-eating, hoofed mammal with a small trunk.
 - Name of three fictional characters published by DC Comics.
 - Acronym for Licensed Acupuncturist.
 - Disturb in mind.
 - Spirituous liquor made from any farinaceous grain.
 - Conclusion.
 - Quadruped of the genus equus.
 - Kind of crustacean.
 - Lever operated with the foot.
 - Excessively earnest and ingratiating in manner.
 - Proven to be reliable.
 - Model of perfection of a kind.
 - Rounded projections from the base of certain projectile points.
 - Branch of a tree partly cut and bound to other branches.
 - Oncogene, identified in avian carcinoma, encoding a nuclear protein.
 - Utter a high-pitched cry, characteristic of pigs.
 - Denial.
 - Lacking taste.
 - Infallible.
 - Aroused to anger.
 - Vagrant.
 - Something that induces inaction.
 - Film written and directed by Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa.
 - Act of inflicting corporal punishment with repeated blows.
 - Street in west central London famous for its theaters and hotels.
 - Literary forms involving parts written for actors to perform.
 - Properties detected by the olfactory system.
 - Stage name for soca musician from Barbados Rupert Clarke.
 - Religious doctrine proclaimed as true without proof.
 - Indian woman ruler.
 - Fixed time cycle in Indian music, built from uneven groupings of beats.
 - Pertaining to a significant unit that functions in contrast with other units in a language.
 - Worry.
 - Acronym for Prime Number Theorem.
 - Tanna, Robert Ulrich role.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Great Plains Kabobs

- 1 1/2 lbs. boneless beef sirloin steak, 1 1/2 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 cup teriyaki marinade & 1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons vegetable oil 6 ears of corn, cooked and cooled
(10-inch) metal skewers

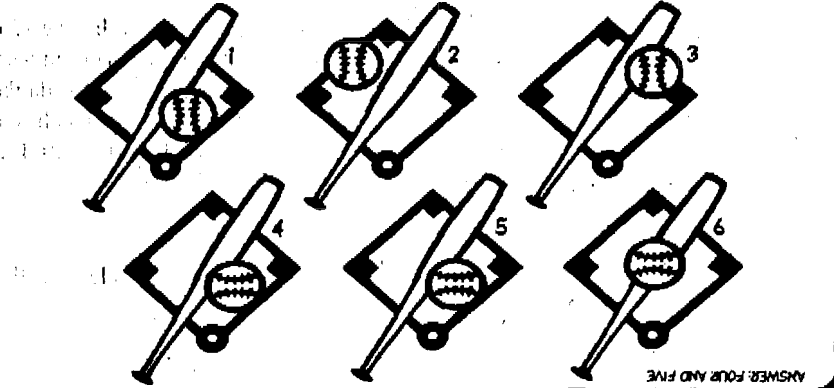
Cut beef into 1 1/2-inch cubes; place in large plastic food storage bag. Combine next 4 ingredients; reserve 2 Tbsp. Pour remaining marinade over beef cubes. Press air out of bag; close top securely. Turn bag over to coat pieces well; marinate 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut each corn ear crosswise into 4 equal pieces; add to plastic bag. Marinate 10 minutes, turning bag over occasionally. Thread beef and corn alternately onto skewers, leaving space between pieces. Grill 5 inches from hot coals 4 minutes on each side (for medium-rare), or to desired doneness. Brush corn occasionally with reserved marinade.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

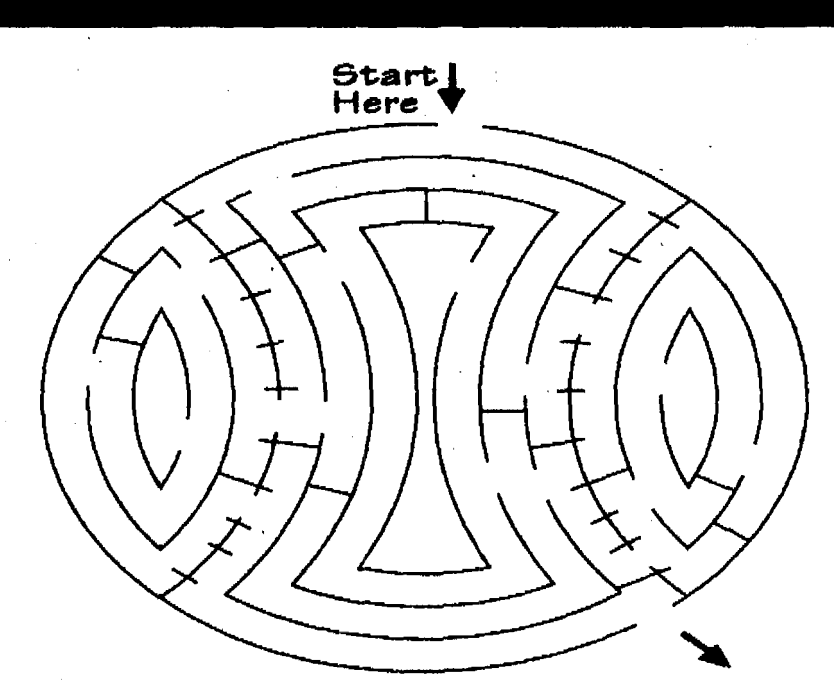
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



FIND THE TWINS



MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 12, 2007



**December 22-
January 19**

A vacation opportunity comes knocking. Seize it with all of your might, Capricorn. Small blunders at work make for a trying week. Someone close swoons in with the answer.



**March 21-
April 19**

The pull of friends is strong. You must resist the temptation in order to meet a deadline. Finish on time, Aries, and you'll be free to play all you want.



**June 22-
July 22**

A news item inspires you to reach out to others. Start with an organization close to home. Cancer. Your stance on an issue is seriously challenged.



**September 23-
October 22**

Privacy becomes a real issue at home. Face the facts, Libra, and resolve to protect yours at all costs. What others do not know will not hurt them in this case.



**January 20-
February 18**

Bold, bold, bold. What more can you say about your recent financial stroke. Aquarius? Get ready to sit back and reap the rewards. Tips from a loved one are right on target.



**April 20-
May 20**

Chortles of laughter enliven the week. Taurus. You begin to make heads and tails of a mess left in your hands, and the workload decreases significantly.



**July 23-
August 22**

Pools of apologies flood your home this week, Leo. Be forgiving and hold no grudges. Your love life gets a major boost with a mini vacation.



**October 23-
November 21**

Bad, bad, bad. That is all that comes to mind when a touchy subject becomes the focus of a discussion yet again, Scorpio. Stay out of it. You've already said your peace.



**February 19-
March 20**

Independence comes at a huge price at home. Be strong, Pisces, and move forward with no regrets. A goal once thought lost is finally fulfilled.



**May 21-
June 21**

A masterful plan is set into action. Be careful to play your part well, Gemini. A comment from a stranger helps you see a situation for what it is.



**August 23-
September 22**

The humdrum of life starts to get to you. Break out of the routine by accepting an invitation, Virgo. You will have a great time in spite of your reservations.



**November 23-
December 21**

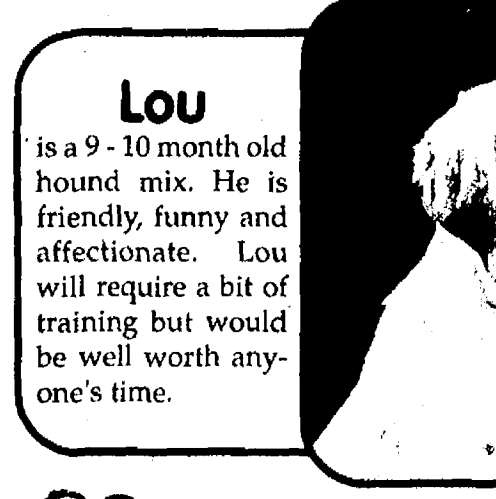
A freak incident at home rattles everyone's cage. Take steps to ensure it doesn't happen again, Sagittarius. Issues at work require further research before any action can be taken.

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WEATHER

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Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7/4	79	59	0.04							
7/5	82	54	0	High 74	High 71	High 68	High 77	High 82	High 87	
7/6	82	51	0	Low 47	Low 51	Low 49	Low 54	Low 62	Low 57	
7/7	87	67	0							
7/8	95	68	0.05							
7/9	76	56	0.09	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Isolated T-Storms	Partly Cloudy	T-Storms	

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1. Real Estate

205 CRESTWOOD for sale or lease. Rent is \$600 per month, large modular. (W) 989-348-4252 from 9-5. (H) 989-348-5256. (-12-19-26/1)

1. Real Estate

RIVERFRONT RANCH w/ 3 BR, 2 bath main floor. Walkout basement has family room, two finished rooms as bedrooms, office, den, 2-car garage, large pole bldg., \$265,000. 989-348-8524. (-5-12-19-26/1)

1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER HOME for sale. Enjoy peace and quiet in this Ausable River home, surrounded by woods and wildlife. 175' of river frontage allows you to respond to nature in this natural setting. Four bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2,196 square feet, 800 sq. ft. wrap around deck, full furnished walkout basement with custom cedar sauna and riverside Jacuzzi hot tub. This year round home has a beautifully landscaped yard fed by an underground watering system and located next to state land, hunting, ski hills and Northern Michigan's finest snowmobile trails, \$239,900. Call, 989-348-2083 for appointment. (-12-26/1)

1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

LOOKING FOR a few good neighbors. AuSable Country Acres site condo wooded building sites. Capture the pioneer spirit through log home living. Builder Buckingham Homes Inc. Contact 989-348-7355. (5/17/2007t/1)



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NEW LISTING

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REDUCED

ROCK-BOTTOM, DOWN TO EARTH SACRIFICE Beautiful wooded lot in desirable North Park Subdivision. Two story colonial home with 1,677 s.f., three bedrooms, and 2-1/2 baths. Home features large family room with full wall fireplace, full basement, new well, freshly painted, and hardwood floors in living room, dining room, and upstairs. 21x22 garage, fenced backyard, and 6x27 covered porch. CS-2559 \$149,000

REDUCED

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REDUCED

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REDUCED

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2. For Rent

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HOUSE FOR RENT on the AuSable River, 12 miles east of Grayling, 2007 S. Town Line Rd., off M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Rd. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, completely remodeled. \$550/month, plus \$550 security. References and credit check, no pets. 989-348-4716. (4/12/07t/2)

BUILDING FOR RENT New, perfect for warehousing. Approx. 3,500 s.f. 6840 West M-72. For info, call Art, 989-348-4252. (-21-28-5-12/2)

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NEW LISTING

Lake Margrethe shared beach, parks, assigned boat slip, quiet natural setting plus a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on 1/2 acre. Lots of storage, grand foyer and 2 story living room. \$269,900 #58841

NEW LISTING

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REDUCED

You have to take a look, to truly appreciate how nice it is! Completely dry walled with a 16 x 26 living room addition w/cathedral ceilings. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, air conditioned, block foundation, metal roof, 4 zone sprinkler system, & more! \$70,500 #5852

NEW LISTING

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NEW LISTING

On one acre of hardwoods is this 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Master suite with walk-in closet, garden tub, shower stall and skylight. Kitchen has plenty of room and snack bar. \$79,900 #5881

REDUCED

Shared ownership of 100' of frontage on Lake Margrethe. Well maintained 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with stunning stone fireplace and cathedral ceilings. Pontoon boat and hoist included in sale. \$198,500 #5723

NEW LISTING

Stunning 1st class home. Oak and ceramic flooring. Basement, 2 acre parcel. Oversized garage with workshop. Just gorgeous inside and out. \$157,500 #5879

NEW LISTING

Spacious home on 1.38 acres, located close to bike trails, high school, Hartwick Pines and state land. Many new updates. Attached insulated 2 car garage, large yard, spacious rooms and 1386 SF. \$84,000 #5886

REDUCED

Built in 1890, remodeled 1990's to present Victorian style. Totally open floor plan on both levels. Outside needs some TLC. Perfect business location in high traffic area, currently used as a photo framing studio. \$89,000 #5784

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Just Listed

This well maintained duplex is only 2 years old. Each unit offers 2 large bedrooms 10 x 12 & 10 x 13 with large walk in closets, 1.5 bath. Also includes a built in dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, microwave, and washer/dryer. In basement, attached 24 x 35 two car garage with a garage door opener. Affordable investment - live in one side, rent the other out. #251810 \$192,900

Just Listed

High quality home nestled on 10+ acres within 1/4 mile from AuSable River and Wakeley Lake. Home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, dining room, and relaxing sun room. Full basement is finished in the same quality as the rest of the home. Storage space is in abundance throughout the home. In ground sprinkler system supports the beautiful landscaped yard. Multi-level decking invites serenity. #251790 \$179,900

Just Listed

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Just Listed

Comfortable home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, newer carpeting, hardwood floors, anderson windows, new roof, full basement, enclosed patio, deck, plenty of closet space, and 2 car garage with wood stove. This home has been well cared for and it shows! #251831 \$149,900

Just Listed

Home features hardwood flooring, ceiling fans, pellet/corn burner, open floor plan, large master suite, lots of storage, all appliances, and most of the furniture. Located on 1.18 acres across from state land and snowmobile trail head. #251807 \$103,900

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FOR RENT 3 bdr, 1+ bath with attached garage on 3/4 acre lot one mile from town. \$650 a month. Possible lease option. Call, 989-390-5668. (-5-12/2)

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2A. Want To Rent

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3. Employment

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5. For Sale

3. Employment

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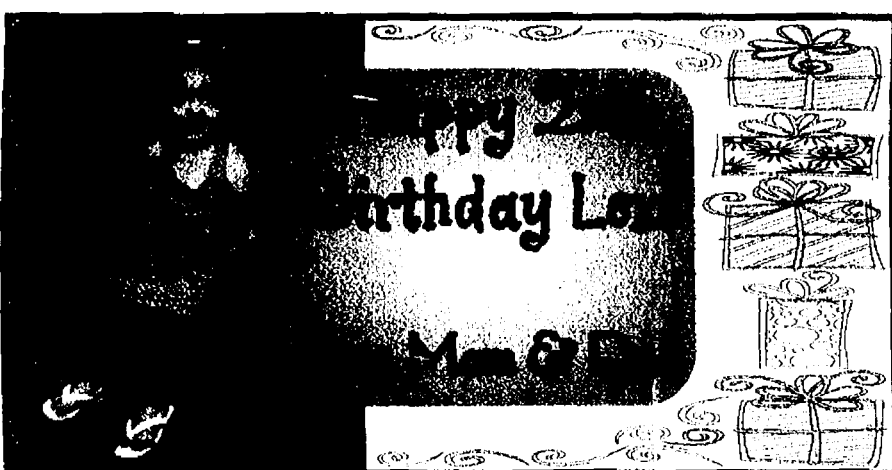
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6. Wanted

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9. Personals



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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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LOST OR STOLEN Bright yellow Stockton Canoe Company canoe. \$100 reward for recovery or information. Call, 440-320-2435. (-12-19/7)

9. Personals

8. Announcements

FAMILY GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

SIMONS VETERINARY CLINIC will be in Grayling, July 12th and 26th, at 4780 Staley Lake Road from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please call 231-584-3500 for an appointment. Clinics will be held in Grayling the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. (-12-19/8)

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GRAYLING FARM MARKET Thurs., July 12, 2-7 at State Police Crime Lab. Blueberries, cherries, cheese, honey, maple syrup, variety home grown vegetables. (-12/8)

11. Automotive

8. Announcements

CALLING ALL KIDS up to 12 years. Kids Day, July 24, 10-2, City Park. (-12/8)

10. Garage Sales

YARD SALE Lots of everything. 3880 Jones Lake Rd. 9-3 p.m., Friday & Saturday. (-12-19/10)

5 FAMILY SALE July 13, 14, 15, 9-5:30 p.m. 6 Mile E of Grayling, North Down River Rd. just east of Stephan Bridge Rd. Budweiser, Miller stein's, books, Snowbabies, toys, linens, kitchen stuff, Cabbage Patch dolls, baby clothes up to 3, antiques, utility trailer, too much to mention. (-12/10)

THURS., FRI., SAT. July 12, 13, 14. Multi-family huge sale. Voted Grayling's best garage sale. New items daily, sunshine required. 72 West, left on 93, right on Margrethe Ave. on Summit. (-12/10)

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE July 13 & 14, 9-5 p.m. July 15, 9-1 p.m. 8391 West Beaver Rd., 1/2 mile west of Military Rd. Antiques: sleigh, solid mahogany table & chairs, Fred Bear bow, books & more. Horses (3), saddles, show tack, harnesses, hames, misc. tack. Children's outdoor play structures, household items, workout & weight bench equipment, sports equipment, skis, travel trailer, truck topper, misc. building items, perennial plants & much more. (-12/10)

MOVING-GARAGE SALE 7 miles east on North Down River. Everything must go, something for everyone. Sat., 8-2 p.m., Sun., 9 a.m. until gone. (-12/10)

GARAGE SALE 346 Wilcox Bridge Rd. Sat., July 14, 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Exercise equip., antique grinding wheel and other misc. items. (-12/10)

11. Automotive

10. Garage Sales

YARD SALE located at Lone Pine Restaurant. Assortment of Little Tikes toys, toddler clothes, Fisher Price toys & also Leap Frog toys. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 12-6 p.m. (-12/10)

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11. Automotive

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8. Announcements

11. Automotive

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8. Announcements

Attention GHS Class of 1997

10 year reunion will be held at the Grayling Country Club on August 18, beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and includes appetizers, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar available. Please email your contact info to: ghsclassof1997@hotmail.com **SEE YOU SOON!**

A MESSAGE FROM STEVE AND CECILIA SOUTHARD, REGARDING THE FORECLOSURE IN THE CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

We recognize that there has been considerable rumor and speculation regarding the future of our business, Ray's Canoeing & The Fly Factory.

It has been our great pleasure to have, for the past 28 years, carried on the wonderful Grayling and AuSable and Manistee Rivers business, history and tradition established here at our location by Chief David Shoppengon and, subsequently, by 'Sailor' Bill Huddleston, Ray Snider and Al and Cappy Westervelt.

We've greatly enjoyed our opportunity to help "grow" and support the AuSable Canoe Marathon, improve the canoeist-fly fisherman relationship regarding river use and to help bring about the Grayling Stormwater Management Project, which will help to protect the AuSable River for this and future generations.

Over the past 15 years our family has had a lot of major life events take place, not unlike many families. In our case, these events piled up and "piled on". Though it was difficult, we made it through the tough family times OK, we are very proud of our 3 kids, who pitched in, in a major way to help out.

The tough times also took a financial toll, then the tough Michigan economic conditions hit. We are far from being the only small business in this state struggling through the tough times. We sincerely hope our state leaders can figure out a way to help Michigan transition from a high wage auto-worker based economy to something else that will begin to help us all bounce back from this extended economic slump.

Locally, the recently announced Main Street America project will be a wonderful and much needed shot in the arm, if it receives all of the necessary approvals and moves on to construction.

In conclusion, it is our intent to work our way out of the individual economic slump we find ourselves in. Several years ago, a great group of friends and customers pitched in to try and help us out, by way of a fund raiser to help us out financially. Their generosity and support was very meaningful to us and greatly appreciated. We do not intend to let them down.

We intend to remain right here and operating Ray's Canoeing & Fly Factory for many years to come. We have a plan to meet that objective and we are working hard to bring it to reality.

Thank you for your past business and support. We hope to see you again soon at Ray's Canoeing & Fly Factory.

Sincerely, Steve and Cecilia Southard

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